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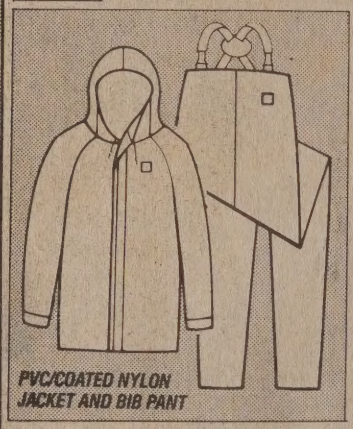

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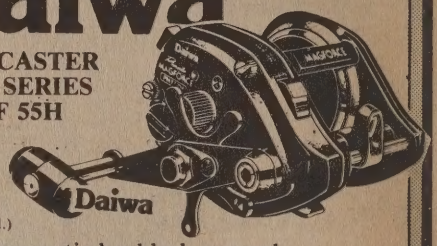

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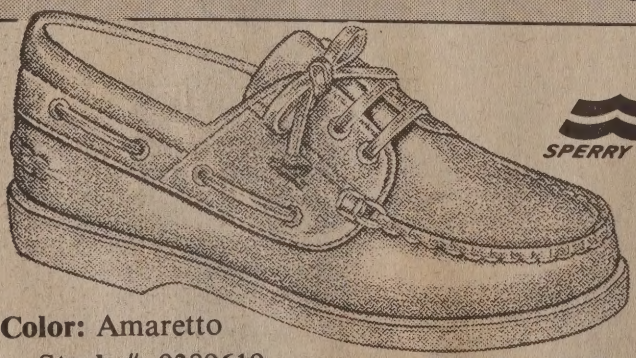

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Linda Barrett shows a husky school tuna that was duped by a trolled daisy chain. Rigging trolling lures in a daisy chain fashion has been deadly in our offshore waters over the past two seasons. Pete Barrett tells how to do it on page 40. Photo by Pete Barrett.

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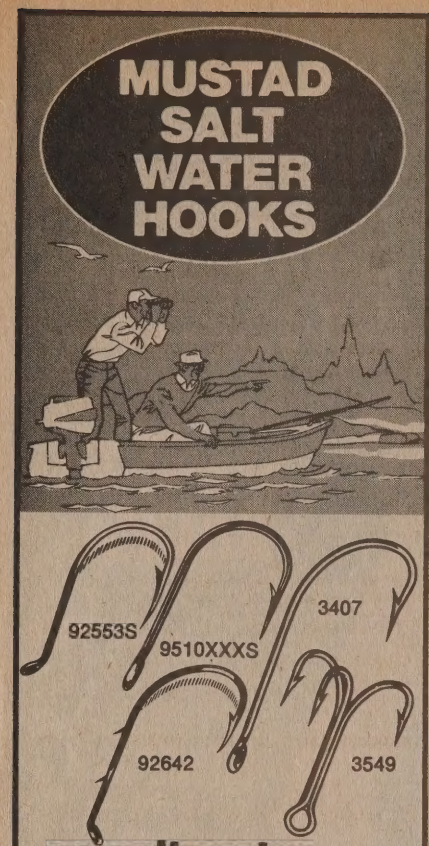

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This event has been a yearly function for 32 years and is the largest one of its kind on Long Island. It is open only to boys and girls up to and including 12 years of age and over 500 youngsters compete for prizes each year.

Hot dogs, soda pop and ice cream are served and a bicycle, rods and reels, trophies and plaques are awarded to lucky anglers.

RESULTS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL F.R.E.E. FLUKE TOURNAMENT

Largest fluke of tournament, Bill Feigelman, 4 lb. 5 oz. fluke; largest fluke of day, June 27, Jim Sheridan, 1 lb. 11½ oz. fluke; largest fluke of day, June 28, Frank Damm, 3 lb. 9 oz. fluke; largest fish of day, June 27,, Arnold Fox, 8 lb. 6 oz. bluefish; largest fish of day, June 28, Brian Rade, 4 lb. 12 oz. weakfish; heaviest 3 fluke aggregate Bill Feigelman, 7 lb. 4 oz.; largest fluke of day, Jimmy Johnsen, age 12, 1 lb. 8 oz. fluke; largest fluke of day, Steve Mileta, age 12, 1 lb. 8 oz. fluke;

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FLUKE FISHING VIDEO

To augment his "Fishing for Fluke" book, which has helped thousands of anglers increase their catches, outdoor writer and fluke specialist Don Kamienski has produced a new video tape on the art of fluke (summer flounder) fishing.

The **Fluke Fishing-Improving Your Catch** video is a combination of an in-depth dockside workshop plus actual on the water demonstrations of the tackle and tactics described in the workshop. This video is not about a fishing trip. Rather, the how-to workshop takes the time to explain the fluke species, its migration habits, effective tackle, top baits and rigs plus the best locations in your area to find fluke for higher scores and heavier coolers. The on-the-water scenes show special trolling, drifting and bucktailing techniques of the pros. There's even a tape segment on fluke cleaning and freezing techniques.

The 60 minute VHS format tape is available for $59.95 plus $1.50 postage and handling (NJ residents add 6% sales tax) from F/N Productions, 10 McCay Drive, Roebling, NJ 08554. The tape is an ideal gift for the fluke angler in the family.

PHELPS, NY ANGLER WINS HUDSON RIVER BASS TOURNAMENT

Steve Croll of Phelps, New York caught a limit of fish weighing 16 lbs. 5 oz. to win the Bassing America Grand National Tournament held on the Hudson River out of Hudson, New York on July 5, 1987. Croll caught all his fish on worms in the main river. He was fishing a sunken weed bed just north of Saugerties Creek. Brian Martin of New Paltz, NY, Croll's drawn partner for the contest finished second with a limit of fish weighing 14 lbs. 9 oz. Both fishermen told the crowd they caught their limits by 9AM and were culling fish the rest of the day.

Finishing third with 13 lbs. 11 oz. was John Pavelcsyk of Feeding Hills, MA. Fourth place went to A.W. Schaefer of Middlesex, NJ with a weight of 13 lbs. 6 oz. Grant Decker of West Milford, NJ weighed in 12 lbs. 10 oz. to place Fifth. Only one ounce behind was sixth place finisher, Joe Murrell of Hudson, NY with 12 lbs. 9 oz. Mark Brett of East Hartford, CT took seventh place with 11 lbs. 11 oz. of bass. The final money position went to Glen Van Alstyne of Hudson, NY with 11 lbs. 9 oz.

Steve Wisnewski of South Amboy, NJ caught a 4 lb. 11 oz. largemouth to take big bass honors for the one day event. Steve caught his fish on a worm near Catskill Creek. He finished 12th in the tournament. There were a total of 122 fish caught for a total weight of 288 lbs. All fish were released alive.

The next northeast region Bassing America Grand National tournament will be held on Cayuga Lake on August 9, 1987. Headquarters will be Deer Park Inn in Seneca Falls, New York. A 10-day pre-registration is in effect for all Bassing America members, but new members may sign up any time prior to the tournament without paying a late fee. Registration will be held at Deer Park Inn on Saturday, August 8, 1987 between 4PM and 6:30PM. The safety briefing and partners draw will be held at 7PM.

The Grand National Tournament Circuit is sponsored by Ranger Boats, Yamaha Outboards, MotorGuide Trolling Motors, Stren and Prime Fishing Line, Lowrance and Eagle Electronics, Abu Garcia Rods and Reels and Mann's Bait Company. The Grand National Championship will be held from October 5 to 10, 1987 on the

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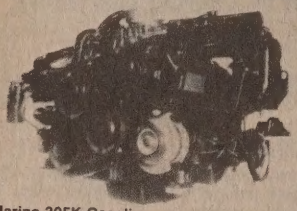

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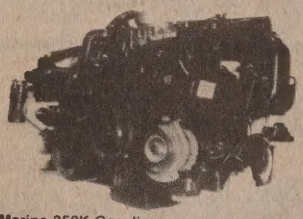

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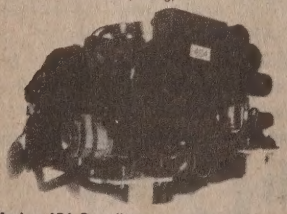

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PREDICTIONS OF LONG ISLAND SOUND'S DEATH ARE PREMATURE

Recent headlines and news reports carried by Connecticut and New York media proclaim that western Long Island Sound is dead, dying, and devoid of life. Unfortunately, these continuing proclamations are accurately based upon a speech given this past spring by a federal official at a fishermen's forum in Groton, CT.

The fact is that western Long Island Sound is not devoid of life, nor is central or eastern Long Island Sound dead, dying, or devoid of life. But, there are problems both in the Sound and along its coastline and embayment which are of concern. These problems are: *point source pollution* (sewage treatment plants, failed septic systems, marine vessel discharges, landfill leachates)) *non-point source pollution* (urban street runoff, lawn and agricultural fertilizer runoff); *tidal flow restrictions* (RR and road crossings on causeways rather than trestles, undersized culverts); *loss marshland habitats* (dredging, filling, docks and marina expansion), and areas of the Sound with seasonal *low dissolved oxygen levels.*

Many of these problems can be corrected if we make the commitment to correct them and by doing so we will be rewarded by a resurgence of living marine resources into Long Island Sound and its coastal embayments. Along with this will come increased opportunities to those who wish to make a living in shellfisheries and finfisheries to those who seek recreation along the coast, and to those who live on the coast.

Several critical studies are currently being undertaken in Long Island Sound by university researchers and state agency officials under contract with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). These studies are directed at: 1) determining to what extent the water, sediments, and biota of Long Island Sound are contaminated with toxic materials, their sources, and by comparing the levels with historical data if they are increasing or decreasing; 2) determining the extent of low dissolved oxygen (hypoxia) by area and time duration in Long Island Sound, comparing findings to past conditions, and if it is adversely affecting living marine resources; 3) determining the status of the Sound's living marine resources and comparing this with historical trends; 4) developing integrated water quality and hydrodynamic models of Long Island Sound for use in setting waste load allocations and other management activities.

Since these studies are only in their second year of a 5-year program, it is much too early to proclaim that western Long Island Sound is devoid of life. However, it is important to understand that these in-depth, scientific research studies are considerably different in scope than any of the previous studies of Long Island Sound of which there have been many. It is critical to ask, "is the data produced by these studies going to be sufficient and useful enough for 'determinations' to be made and for remedial actions to be taken by our regulatory agencies?" If not, we will have yet another set of expensive studies on the shelf.

Amid this 'doom and gloom' reportage on Long Island Sound, there is much potential in restoring our coastal embayments, tributary creeks and streams to produce shellfish and finfish. Many areas, such as the Pattagansett River in East Lyme, have not been cultivated for shellfish for over 30 years because of being closed to such activity due to pollution—largely from failed septic systems. Additionally, reconstruction of the AMTRAK railbed from trestle to causeway in many tidal areas has aggravated silt deposition upstream in these tidal creeks. Consequently, these river beds have become filled-in with layers of silts and their seaward flow has been constricted by RR and road causeways where once trestles crossed. With a coastwide reclamation program to begin cultivating these river beds, and relaying shellfish to depurate in clean water, as has been successfully done in the Oyster

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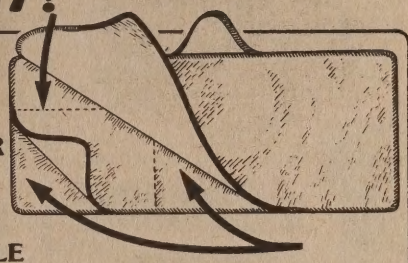

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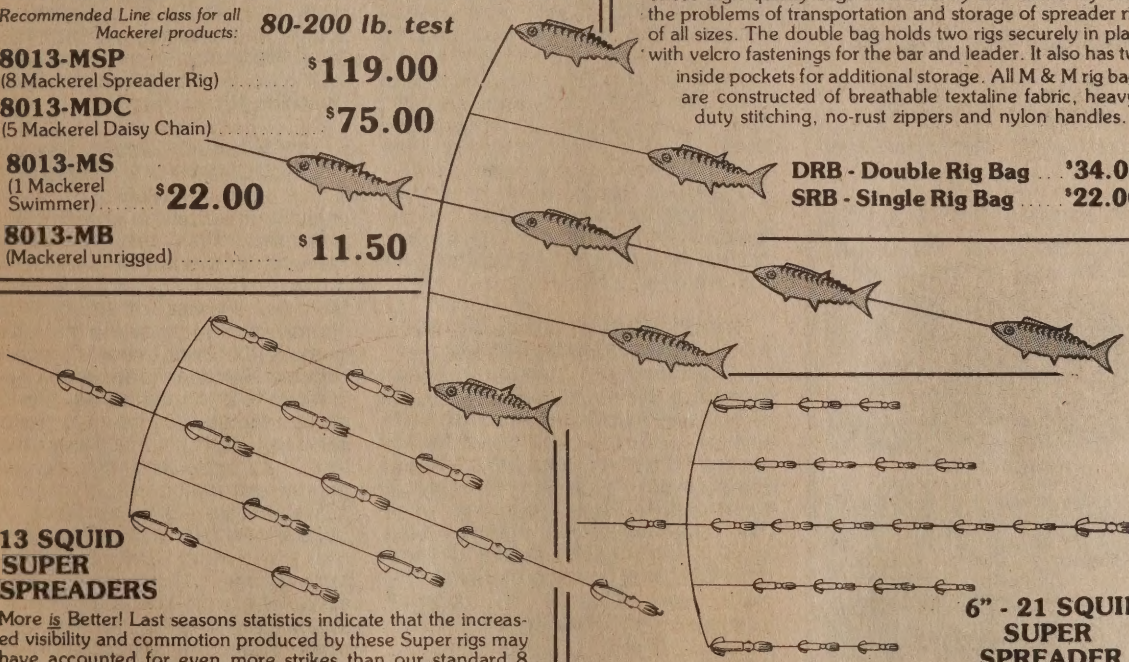

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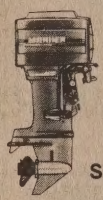

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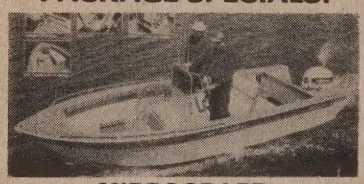

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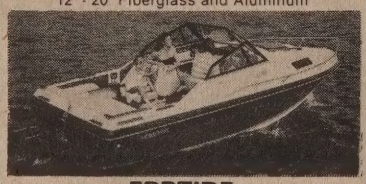

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River in Old Saybrook (which now producesup to 3,000 bushels of adult oysters annually), Connecticut could realize $15 million in shellfish products which currently are lost due to pollution closures.

Connecticut and New York are not alone in trying to understand and design corrective actions for their coastal embayments and Long Island Sound. Similar problems and opportunities are being addressed through EPA studies for Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay and Massachusetts' Buzzards Bay, as public attention has increased over the welfare and future of the marine region of southern New England. Let us hope that we will understand and solve our marine region's problems as successfully as we have managed to solve the problems of our freshwater rivers and lakes.

ATLANTIS ANGLERS 11TH ANNUAL FLUKE TOURNEY RESULTS

Ten clubs with over 400 fishermen participated Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th. We would like to thank all those clubs that did fish the tournament. Freeport Tuna Club took 1st place with 3 fish with a total weight of 6 l bs. 8 oz. Second place club was Amity Harbor with a total fish weight of 5 lbs. 9 oz. Third place club Outcast Anglers total weight 5 lbs. 4 oz. Largest individual fish award went to Ron Leonard of Freeport Tuna with a fish weighing 2 lbs. 5 oz. Second place went to Harvey Langstein of Outcast Anglers. His fish weighed 2 lbs. 1 oz. Third place went to Bill Braun of Amity Harbor. His fish weighed 2 lbs. 1 oz.

INPUT SOUGHT ON BLUEFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN

In an effort to manage a fishery while it is still in a healthy state, the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) convened for the second time its Citizens Advisory Panel to develop a bluefish management plan in Philadelphia last week. The panel consists of two representatives from each of the Atlantic Coastal States and representing New York, was Charles H. Johnson, president of the New York Sport Fishing Federation.

In discussing the two day meeting, Johnson indicated that this is the second try for a bluefish management plan. The first one was turned down by the National Marine Fisheries Service several years ago. For the past 1½ years a joint committee from the ASMFC and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council have been working diligently to overcome the original objections to pass this new version.

One of the major concerns of the Science and Statiscal Committee Chairman, John Mason (NYDED-Stony Brook) is the waste that goes on in the fishery. Almost every member of the Citizens Advisory Panel agreed with Mason that there was significant waste in his state. Mason further stated that the data analysis reveals a fishery that is in excellent health but is rapidly approaching its maximum sustainable yield which describes a balance between 0-1 age fish coming into the fishery and fish leaving (dying) for any reason.

"The draft copy of the plan is trying to preserve the historical characteristic of the fishery which indicates that the recreational anglers catch between 80 to 90 percent of all bluefish. The plan would divide the fishery into an 80-20 split with the 80 going to recreational anglers," Johnson said.

Another important aspect of the plan, according to Johnson, is to put a bag limit, as yet undetermined, on the recreational angler. This feature will be determined after a series of public hearings and is being used, not only to limit mortality, but to draw attention to the conservation ethic that is being developed within the plan.

Johnson reminds "Fisherman" readers that the Federation is monitoring the progress of this proposed management plan closely and would like to hear from you bluefishermen out there about what you think a reasonable bag limit should be. Or, what you think, in general, about waste in the fishery and how it could be diminished. All comments should be mailed to the Federation, Box 240, Oakdale, NY 11769.

"FISH WISH" COMES TRUE IN LAKE ONTARIO TOURNAMENT TITLE

While other teams were wishing for fish, the "Fish Wish" crew from Pulaski, NY were busy making those dreams a reality by reeling in a limit of 20 fish on the second and final day of competition to pace the pro division of the 1987 Great Lakes/Lake Ontario Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament. "Fish Wish," captained by Carl Rathje, out-dueled 60 other pro teams to earn the $10,000 first place prize in this, the third year of the prestigious fishing competition.

Meanwhile, the amateur crew aboard "Small Fortune" netted just that—a small fortune worth of fish—to best 17 other boats and walk away with a $5,000 purse in the first ever amateur category. The tournament, sponsored by Lowrance Electronics, Eppinger's Lures, Mariner Outboards and Cannon Downriggers, was held June 19th and 20th out of the Niagara County ports of Wilson and Olcott, NY.

This Great Lakes tournament offers anglers a chance to catch salmon and trout for money on a team basis. At the same time, monies are being raised for some local conservation enhancement project. In Niagara County, local sportsmen have jumped head first into an artificial reef project designed to attract fish and hopefully initiate some lake trout propagation on this underwater structure.

As far as the actual tournament structure, team scoring is based on total points: ten points per fish, and a

point a pound for two days.

Captain Carl Rathje and his team of Randy Curry, Ron Clark, Jeff Robbins, and Margaret Rathje capitalized on a small fish-rich area off of Wilson, the rough water on Saturday and last year's experience to total 520.78 points.

"The rougher water today was actually an advantage for us," declared an ecstatic Rathje. "Being from the Eastern Basin of Lake Ontario, we were able to adapt to the fishing conditions and put fish in the boat. We simply found an active school of fish, and stuck with them both days."

For Capt. John Emery of the Michigan-based Big Jon Pro Team, their 481.56 total was good enough for second. Their problem was one we all should envy—they could only catch BIG fish. Included in Saturday's catch was a 32 lb. king. "We couldn't fill our limit with the smaller fish," emphasized Emory. "Had we done that, we'd be $6,000 richer." Third place team score of 444.69 came from local entry Trophy Charters ($2,000) of Niagara Falls. Rounding out the money winners were: 4th place, Strike "o" Lightnin, $1,000; 5th place, Little John; 6th place, Shongo Tracker; 7th place, Hawg Hunter IV (and leader of the tournament after the first day); 8th place, Thrillseeker III; and 9th place, Walker Stalker. Fifth through ninth places earned $300. Last year's winner, Capt. Joe Kulis and the Freeze Dry Machine, placed out of the money with a total of 347.76 points.

Paul Dreher of Waterport, NY led Small Fortune to their victory among the amateur ranks. The crew never fell behind either day and they attributed their success to a couple factors. "As the weather conditions changed, so did our fishing patterns. We applied our local knowledge to the given set of conditions and made them work for us." The crew totaled 412.39 points.

VIDEO TEACHES SKILLS TO NEW BOATERS

A new video appropriately entitled "The New Boater's Video," has been produced particularly for newcomers to boating.

Designed as a primer, this 54-minute color video teaches important skills such as handling, steering and docking of single or dual engine boats, and sailboats under auxiliary power. It also contains many valuable tips on water skiing, fishing and boat ramp procedures.

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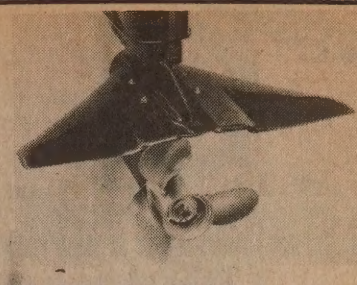

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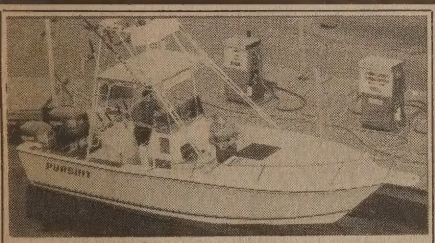

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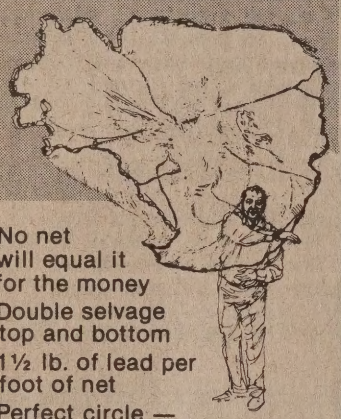

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Product Review

BASS BEACON

by Jim White

Fishing at night has always presented special problems to most boat fishermen. The problem is even greater if your boat is in the 14 to 18 foot bracket where space is always at a premium.

The last few years have witnessed the development of many "special" types of lights to aid the after dark fishermen. Fluorescent and black lights were marketed in many forms; some were better than others, most being the clip-on suction cup mounts which always seemed to come undone or loosen just at the wrong time.

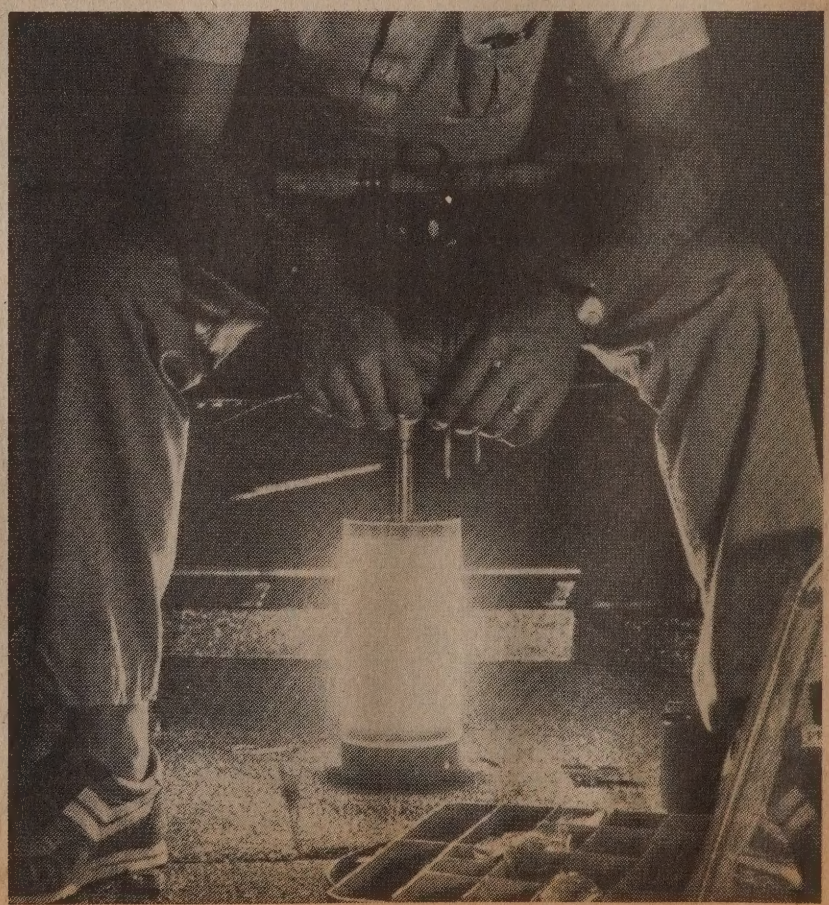
This year a company called Fishing Aids Inc. introduced a new type boat light especialy for the nighttime fishing nut, called the "Bass Beacon."

What makes this light different from the rest, is that it fits around the pedestal of the boat's seat. This helps keep the light not only stationary, but also out of the way yet easily accessible. The Bass Beacon will fit most standard pedestals of most boats up to 2½ inch stanchion diameters. If you're running a small boat like I am, this is really a space saving device.

The space under all seats for years has gone wasted. This light utilizes this space and yet still provides room enough for your feet to move around the pedestal without always banging into the light itself.

Over the years I've used most types of lights to illuminate the inside of my boat or the area in which I was fishing at the time. The lighting was only adequate, to say the least. Usually once you turned to the left or right you either blocked the beam or had to move the light to the new position to continue whatever you were doing.

With the Bass Beacon, its round design and fluorescent light softly illuminates the entire platform of the boat, making detailed rigging, baiting, changing line or spools a whole lot easier at night. You'll never have to fumble around with flashlights, pocket lights or any others at night while baiting hooks, chumming or even casting. Because of its low



voltage draw, the light can remain on while fishing, keeping you or others in the boat from stumbling over equipment or each other.

It's a great light if you're into nighttime weakfishing or casting for stripers on those inshore reefs after dark.

In most boats that you'd use in saltwater—inshore or offshore—the freeboard of the boat will keep most of the light inside. One light will illuminate the entire deck in most cases. In my own boat, which is 24 inches deep, the light reflects off of the sides and stays inside. This is a real plus if you're still fishing or chumming weaks, blues or bass.

Because of its tubular design and out-of-the-way location, the unit doesn't add to the fishing equipment clutter on the casting platform or in the fishing area. If you're like most of us fishing fanatics, you already carry a ton of stuff which you don't have room for now, so why add to it? And on small boats, areas where you can put lights can be scarce, especially after installing other equipment. Once in place, it remains stationary, held by rubber pads attached to the bottom which also protect the light from vibation damage while under way or bouncing around in swells.

The light is powered by the boat's standard battery system. However, I wouldn't recommend leaving it on for long periods of time if you're going to connect it to the boat's battery power which also powers your engine. I have mine connected to the trolling motor battery which usually lasts quite awhile or I use a small motorcycle battery which will last for a few trips. It depends on where and what type fishing I'm doing at the time.

The unit itself is really tough and made to take a beating. Made from injection molded, shock-resistant plastics, it's also corrosion resistant, which is a plus if you'd be using it under saltwater conditions.

It's also light in weight, weighing in at only 2 lbs. 8 oz. You could add one forward and one aft and still only add six pounds inside the boat.

Bass Beacon is also simple to install. Just remove the pedestal and place the Bass Beacon over the hole, now put the pedestal back in place. That's all there is to it. For electrical hook-up, you can either use the alligator clips or wire it to a remote switch or panel which is what I did. I ran the wire under the floor to keep it out of the way and forward to an extra fuse hook-up in the front, which is controlled by a rocker switch. The whole process took about 15 minutes and the installation looked more professional. There is also an optional black light available.

So if you're looking for a special night boat light, check out this new Bass Beacon.

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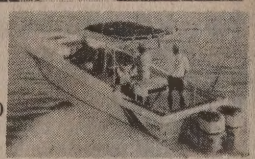
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Captain's Table

PICKLED SNAPPERS

by Sal Agliano

"I've got one! I've got one!" the eager youngster shouted as his bobber shot beneath the surface. Quickly he jerked the tip of the long cane pole high into the air as his very first fish burst out of the water and slapped against his face. A few moments to proudly display the tiny fish, then the young fisherman gleefully unhooked his prize catch—a snapper!

Snapper fishing is excellent sport for a youngster (or anyone for that matter) just beginning to learn the ropes at fishing. Even we weather-beaten old salties, who have graduated to more sophisticated species, still return to our roots from time to time, Huckleberry Finn style with cane pole and bobber, to take a nostalgic crack at snapper fishing.

Yet not all the fun with snappers is found dockside. Snapper fishermen can look forward to an added bonus in the evening savoring their catch. Most snappers are pan-fried, but here's an interesting new approach.

Sweet Pickled Snappers

This recipe is almost identical to the way the Scandinavians prepare pickled herring. There is, however, one major difference—instead of herring, I use snappers!

12 snappers, about 7 inches long
2 tsp salt
water
4 cups white vinegar
2 cups sugar
1 tbsp allspice berries
1 tsp black peppercorns
1/4 tsp crushed dill
3 large onions

Scale, behead and gut the snappers, then carefully fillet the fish leaving the skins on. Place the fillets (you should have 24 pieces), skin side down, in a glass bowl. Sprinkle salt evenly over fillets, then add enough water to cover. Set aside in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

After 2 hours, combine vinegar, sugar, allspice berries, peppercorns and dill in a medium sized saucepan. Heat to boiling, then reduce flame to a simmer. Cut onions into paper thin slices. Separate the onion slices into rings and add to pan. Simmer 5 minutes longer.

Drain fillets and add to saucepan; simmer gently. After 15 minutes remove pan from heat and cool. Transfer cooled pan ingredients to a glass bowl and press fillets so that

they are immersed beneath the marinating liquid. Cover bowl with a plate and refrigerate.

After an hour, remove the plate and cover bowl tightly with plastic wrap or a tight-fitting lid. For best results, keep refrigerated for 3 days before eating. Refrigerated and covered, sweet pickled snappers will keep for about two weeks.

Hot Pickled Snappers

Those of you whose taste buds can handle a little fire might want to try this spicy rendition of pickled fish prepared Italian style.

12 snappers, about 7 inches long
2 tsp salt
4 cups red wine vinegar
2 tbsp sugar
1 tbsp crushed Italian hot peppers
1 tsp black peppercorns
4 cloves garlic, crushed
1/4 tsp oregano
4 shots Tabasco
3 large onions

Scale, behead and gut the snappers, then carefully fillet the fish leaving the skins on. Place the fillets, skin side down, in a glass bowl. Sprinkle salt evenly over fillets, then add enough water to cover. Set aside in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

After 2 hours, combine red vinegar, sugar, crushed peppers, peppercorns, crushed garlic, oregano and Tabasco in medium sized saucepan. Heat to boiling, then reduce flame to a simmer. Cut onions into paper thin slices. Separate the onion slices into rings and add to pan. Simmer 5 minutes longer.

Drain fillets and add to saucepan; simmer gently. After 15 minutes remove pan from heat and cool. Transfer cooled pan ingredients to a glass bowl. Cover bowl with a plate and refrigerate.

After an hour, remove the plate and cover bowl tightly with plastic wrap or a tight-fitting lid. Refrigerate for 3 days before eating. These hot pickled snappers will also keep about two weeks.

Creamed Pickled Snappers

Snappers again come to the rescue in this great old deli favorite.

2 cups sour cream
1 cup marinating liquid from either recipe above
fish and onions from either recipe above

Prepare either recipe above as described up to and including the three-day period of refrigeration. After that time, remove the fillets and onions from the liquid and drain on absorbent paper; pat dry. Strain one cup of the marinating liquid through a fine sieve; pour strained liquid into a glass bowl. Add sour cream to marinating liquid and mix until well blended. Add fish and onions; blend into sour cream mixture. Cover and set aside in the refrigerator overnight before eating. Creamed pickled snappers will keep for about three days.

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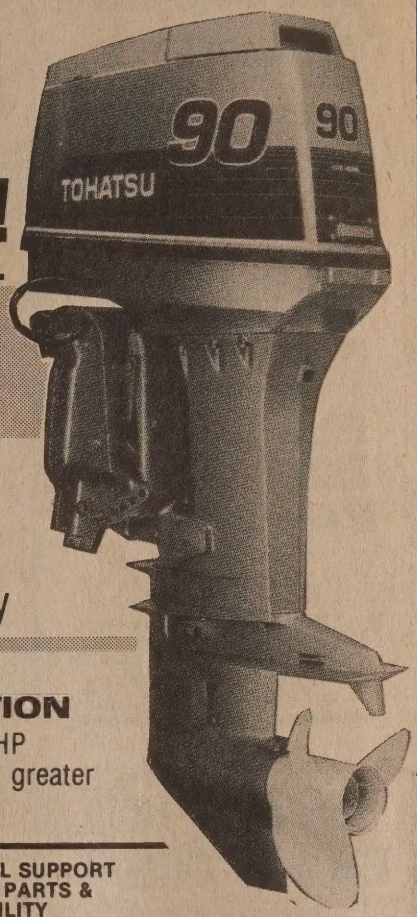

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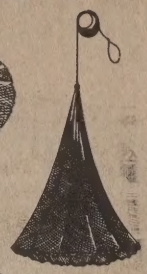

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

I've been fluke fishing for just a few years so I'm far from an expert on how to catch these tasty flatfish. The last time I went to the tackle shop for some new rigs I became a bit confused because there seem to be quite a few different types to use. Some have two hooks, some just one, and others have a hook plus a blade or squid type skirt. Which one of these works the best most often, and should I just buy one type of rig or one of each kind?

Stephen Perone.

Dear Stephen,

The fluke or summer flounder is without a doubt one of the most widely sought after fish all along the Northeastern Coast of the United States. As far as rigs to use go there are almost as many types to be found as the creative minds of fishermen can think of.

There are two basic and diverse schools of thought on flounder rigs: basic rigs work better and more consistently than all other types; or rigs with a blade or some beads can catch you more fish. I have found that the basic one or two hook rig with no beads or blades works very consistently under most conditions.

There are times, though, like when the water is dirty or clouded or the day is overcast that the rigs with a blade or some beads seem to do the trick. When these types of conditions prevail you will find that a single blade above the flounder hook often will get these summer flatties' attention. The flashing of the blade or the glowing light reflecting off of the bead can make the difference between the bait being overlooked or gobbled up by one of these great eating fish.

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Dear Doc,

I've been casting poppers to tree trunks and lily pads in shallow waters without good results. Is it the color of my lure, my line, or speed of retrieve? I've tried many different tactics with lure motion and speed, but nothing seems to go after the lure except for an occasional small bass. There were plenty of bass to be seen in the waters I'm fishing during the spring, but they are nowhere to be found now.

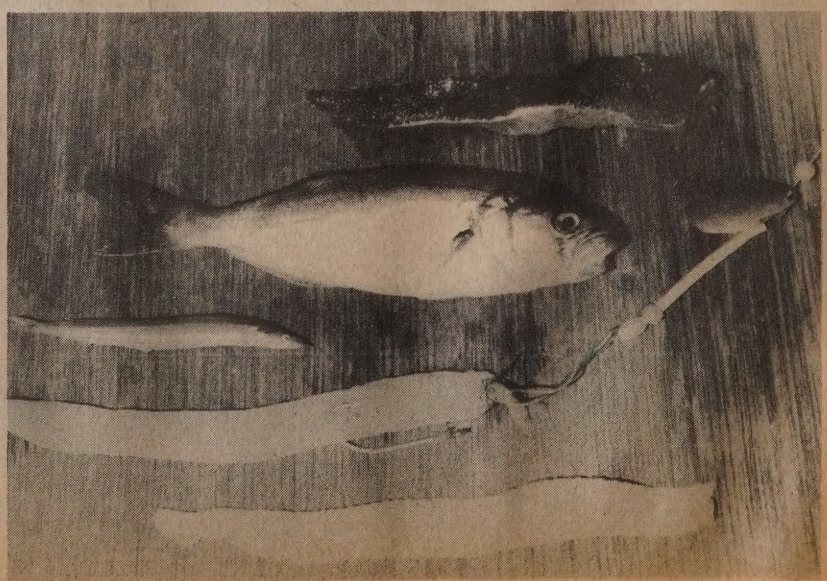
Peter Burke.

Dear Pete,

It sounds like you are fishing in the shallow waters of these lakes or ponds and this is not the right way to go during the summer months. Sure, you saw plenty of bass there during the spring months, but that's when these fish are spawning.

Now that the water has warmed up you'll find most of the largemouth bass in the deeper water.The deeper water is cooler and more comfortable for these fish during the summer months. If you know where the underwater structures exist in these lakes, then it's a good bet that if you fish these areas you'll hook into some fish.

You ought to change tactics with your lures too and go with a jig n' pig type lure or a deep running crankbait. These lures wil run deep and at the



eye level of the more elusive deep water bass.

You can still try the fishing in the shallows of the lakes during the early morning and evening hours as big bass will often come into the shallows during these times in search of shiners, killies, sunfish and other food. The reason the bass will come in during these times is that the water is a bit cooler, but more importantly, the low light conditions offer the fish security to move in the shallow waters without being seen so easily by their prey or by something that may prey on them.

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Dear Doc,

Where can I find a source of information that would tell me exactly what Atlantic Coast marine fish, deep sea included, are edible? After many years of reading a multitude of books and magazines I have never found a complete list. I enjoy your column. Thank you. *Frederick D. Feil.*

Dear Fred,

There is one book that I can recommend which would be a very valued addition to any fisherman's library. It is the "McClane's Standard Fishing Encyclopedia and International Angling Guide," published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston. This comprehensive book lists just about every salt and fresh water fish found in the area you are concerned with. Besides complete detailed facts about each fish in the listing, this book lets you know whether the fish has any food value. It's a worthwhile investment for any serious fisherman.

The easiest way to obtain this encyclopedia would be to go to a local book store and give them the complete name and publisher. If the store does not have the book on hand then I'm sure they'll be happy to order it for you. It is a hard cover book of over 1,000 pages, so be ready to dish out a little money.

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Dear Doc,

My old Igloo cooler hinge busted one day while I was out fishing. It would be a shame to throw away this cooler because despite its age, it is still in pretty good shape. Is there any way I can fix this hinge? Thanks for any help you can give me.

Stan Whitson.

Dear Stan,

Igloo sells a hinge kit to repair old worn out and busted hinges, so if you write to them at the address below, I'm sure they'll send you a price list for the same. Sea Brite Stainless in Neptune, New Jersey also makes a stainless steel hinge specifically made to replace the hinge on the Igloo cooler. Their address is listed below too for your convenience.

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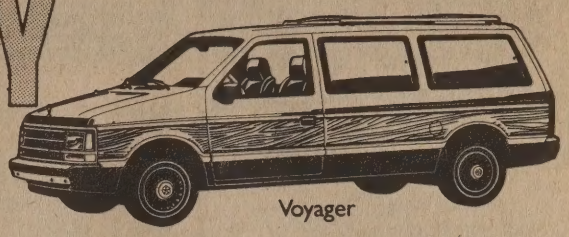

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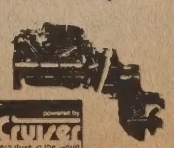

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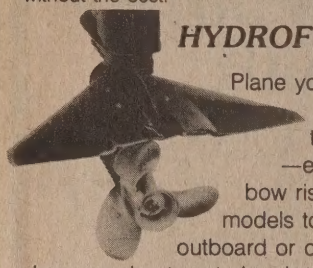

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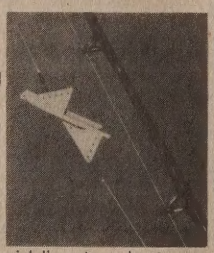

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

The letters coming into Dock Lines continue to run the gamut from inlets to electronics. When we began the column we felt the readers would respond with a variety of questions, but your queries have broached subjects that we never considered. I hope more of you will be encouraged to write because if you are having a problem, you can bet someone else is also faced with a similar dilemma. Not only will your letter help your situation, but it will also benefit your fellow fisherman/boater.

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Dear Eric,

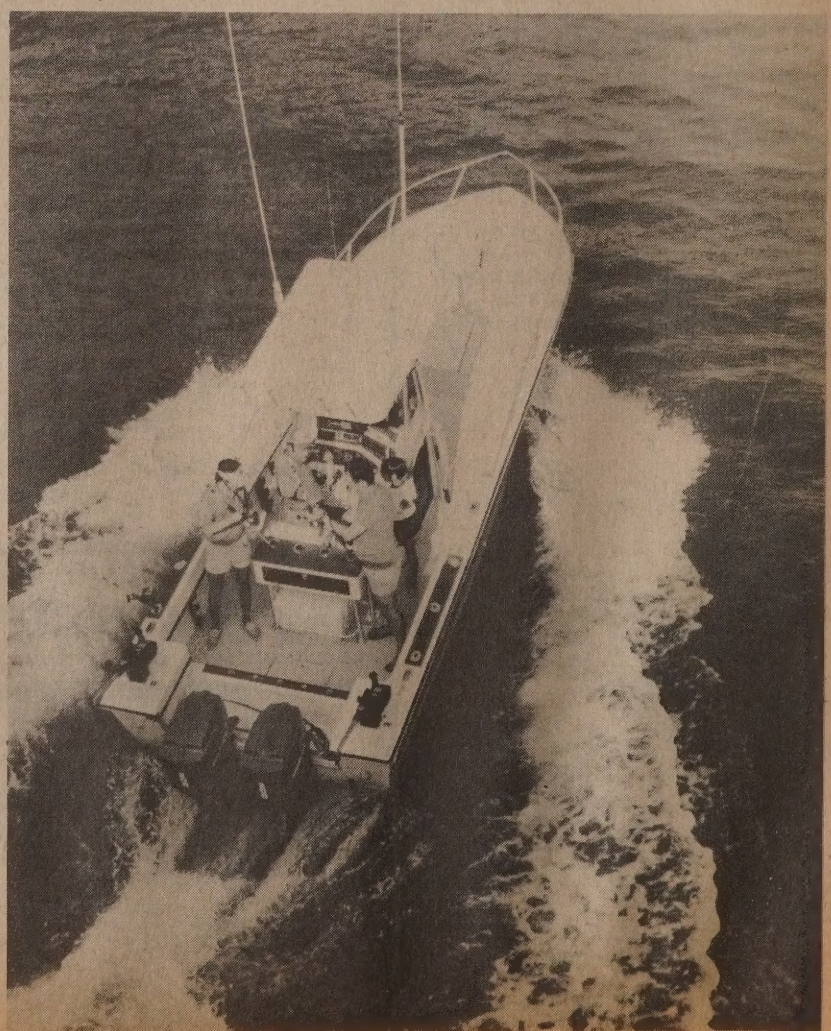
I recently took the plunge and purchased my first boat, a Bayliner 1750 Capri with an OMC Cobra 120 horsepower inboard/outboard. Is this 17 foot boat capable of navigating Barnegat Inlet? I have heard so many horror stories about this inlet, but my boat dealer says it should not be a problem on relatively calm days. Still I am not convinced. Can you please give me some insight into this.

On a second note, a local tackle shop has a couple King 900 LCD fish finders he says list for $549 and he is selling them for $149.95. Is this a good quality unit? *Joseph Pickel.*

Dear Joseph,

Barnegat Inlet is one of the more treacherous pieces of water along our coast, but I do agree with your dealer and feel the 1750 Bayliner with the 120 Cobra should handle it on relatively calm days. The problem comes in defining a relatively calm day.

If the winds are less than 15 knots



you should be able to get in and out of the inlet without any problem. I find an early departure and return will avoid those strong southeast or southwest winds that can kick up during the afternoon on hot summer days.

You will probably find the inlet easier to navigate on the flood tide, but always be alert for rips that can build up when the current is at its maximum strength. These can be particularly hazardous if the wind is pushing against the current.

It has been a few years since I went through Barnegat Inlet but I do remember some breaking seas on the sand bars at the mouth. On days when the ground swells are large these breakers could cause you all sorts of problems if you get too close to the bar.

Any time you navigate an inlet you will need to use all your navigational skills and apply complete concentration to the task at hand. I suggest all hands sit down and have everyone wear their PFDs. You seem to have a healthy fear of the danger presented by this piece of water and that will help you stay out of trouble.

I have never used a King LCD but I know several other anglers who do have King equipment on their boats and are quite satisfied with these units. You can obtain more information on this LCD by contacting King Marine Radio Corporation, 326 140th Avenue N, Clearwater, FL 33520 or phone (813) 530-3411.

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Dear Eric,

I am planning to buy a fish finder this spring and would like your advice. My boat is small, 15 feet. I fish inshore most of the time for fluke, blues, bass and weaks. What I need to know is exactly which one is best for my needs. What make and model would you recommend? *Glenn Lake.*

Dear Glenn,

In today's electronics market there are so many excellent products that it would be impossible for me to recommend one particular unit for your boat. When I had a 14 foot tin boat I used a portable Lowrance flasher, but I have seen full sized chart recorders mounted on similar boats.

For the past three years I have used one of the LCRs from Humminbird on my 20 footer. These are reliable, small and easy to mount. Other companies such as Lowrance, Bottom Line and King also produce LCD fish finders.

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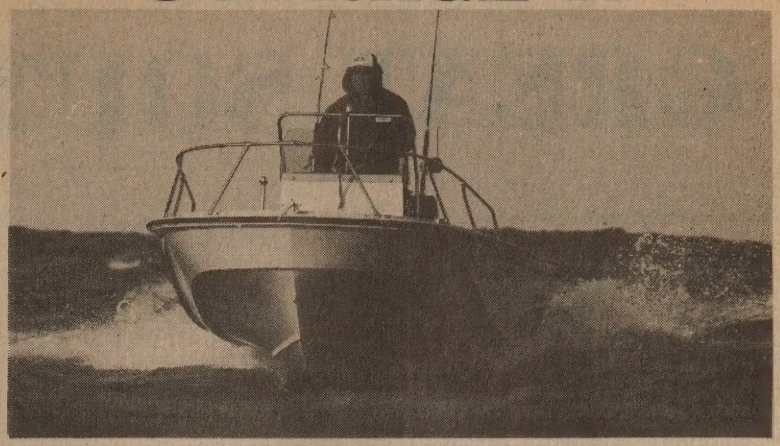

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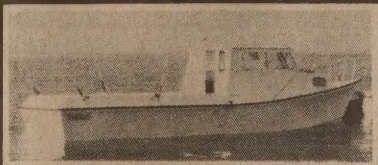

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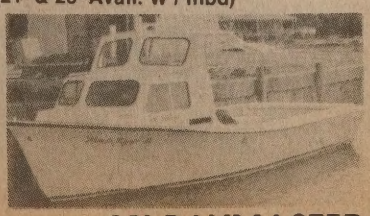

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GREAT SOUTH BAY

by Fred Golofaro

To the chagrin of many newcomers to the fishing game, there are no such things as road signs on our local waterways. Adding to the confusion is a plethora of local names and references which can leave the novice boating angler scratching his head. It's no wonder that so many fishermen spend much of their time following the local party boat fleet or choose to zero in on clusters of private boats. The general mentality is that "the more boats in an area, the better the fishing."

In this and future articles covering Long Island's waterways, we will attempt to unravel some of the mystery surrounding those names that keep cropping up in fishing reports and at the same time, brief you on what to expect from some of these areas.

There are several spots inside Fire Island Inlet which receive mention in the fishing reports on a regular basis. Among them is the Sore Thumb and the Sore Thumb Pocket (also referred to as the Oak Beach Cove). The "Thumb" is easily identified on charts as the finger of land protruding in a southeasterly direction from the western boundary of Oak Beach and out into Fire Island Inlet.

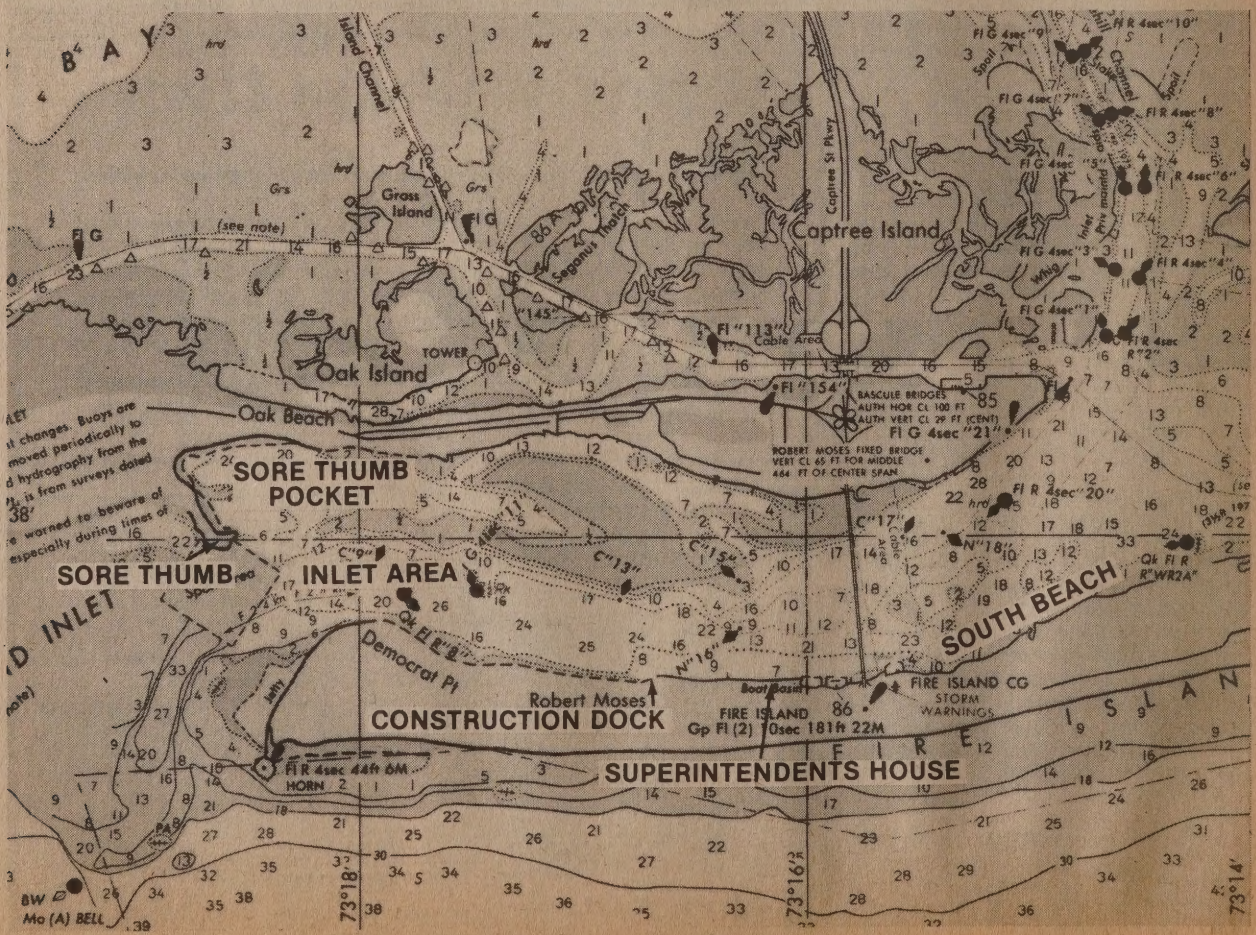
Constructed of rock and rubble, the Sore Thumb produces some good blackfishing for cautious boatmen able to anchor and drop back tight to the concrete-strewn face.

The rips and eddies that fringe "The Thumb" has long been a favorite hangout of trollers and liveliners seeking blues, bass and weaks. Live bunker, flounder, blackfish, mackerel and eels have accounted for many trophy stripers and tiderunner weaks over the years. The ebb current is far and away the preferred time for these game fish but some years have seen occasional flurries of action on the flood.

Nestled between the Sore Thumb and Oak Beach is the Sore Thumb Pocket. This piece of water is probably best known for its late spring run of flounder which can attract so many boats at times, that late arrivals need a shoehorn to get into the fleet. The action often peaks near the end of May but can last well into June. I've caught flounder there throughout the summer (collecting striper bait), but the fishing becomes very inconsistent and the fish small.

Working east into the inlet area and along its southern shore, is a spot that really lends itself to confusing unsuspecting anglers.

The "Construction Dock" is actually not a dock at all, but the site of a



barge beached many years ago and since eroded away by ice and swift currents. The only telltale markings at the spot are a small patch of rocks at the water's edge. The location of the Construction Dock is in close proximity to emergency pole #4 (marked on a telephone pole along the Robert Moses Park shore) and lies approximately 1/2 mile west of the "Superintendent's House." The shoreline here produces some big blackfish but it's very difficult to work it from a boat.

The Superintendent's House sits above a pile of boulders just to the west of the Robert Moses Fishing Piers.

The mussel beds opposite this spot produce some quality late spring flounder action near the change of tide when currents ease off.

The swirling currents that stretch from the Super's House to the dock produce good numbers of fluke, blues, bass and big weaks.

Trollers should work with wire line (most of the passes are too short to make downriggers worthwhile) to get down deep. Umbrella rigs or bucktails will take blues, bass and weaks, but most of your bigger fish will fall to those drifting live bait. June is prime time for big stripers along this stretch. Live flounder are a prime bait then, but bunker and blackfish certainly have their moments. A little known fact concerning this action is that much of it takes place in the daytime with little competition from other bassers. Live eels come into their own on night tides.

Worth mentioning is the general term, "inlet area," which frequently appears in fishing reports. For the sake of information, the "inlet area" is often used to loosely describe that stretch of water from the Robert Moses Bridge to the mouth of the inlet.

"South Beach" is another loosely defined piece of real estate that regularly appears in reports. It refers to those waters adjacent to the north shore of Fire Island. In fishing circles, it more specifically refers to the stretch between Kismet (the westernmost Fire Island Community) and the Fire Island Coast Guard Station. Technically, it stretches further west but more specific spots like the "Super's House" or the "Construction Dock" are used in reports to pinpoint action west of the bridge.

South Beach is probably the most productive stretch of water in the Great South Bay/Fire Island Inlet area over the course of the season for fluke, blues, bass, weaks, porgies, sea bass and blackfish. It has been my favorite haunt for many years and for others who have taken the time to learn its secrets.

As I said earlier, future articles will deal with other local waterways and there will be more on Great South Bay as well. Hopefully, we'll be able to take some of the mystery out of some of these popular and not so popular, hotspots.

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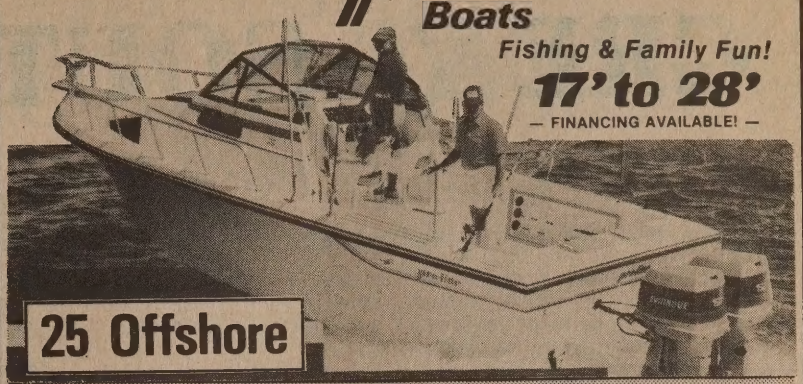
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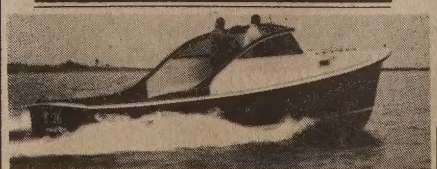
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SANDY HOOKS SUMMERTIME STRIPERS

by Russ Wilson

In spite of its proximity to one of the nation's largest metropolitan areas, Sandy Hook offers some of the finest striped bass fishing to be found anywhere in the northeast.

Do not think for one minute, however, that catching these sophisticated stripers is easy, for it is not quite as easy as you might imagine. There is always a certain amount of luck as well as skill involved in most any type of fishing endeavor and when it comes to catching bragging size linesiders, you'll need a little of both.

I have known many experienced striped bass enthusiasts who have been fishing the bay for years and have yet to hang a 40 pounder! Others, often less knowledgeable, will luck into a 50 pound bass their first time out.

Knowing when, where and how to fish the Hook is tantamount to success. Savvy bass fishermen will fine tune their tackle, consider moon phase, stage of tide, use existing structure to their advantage and will know exactly what species of baitfish are inhabiting a specific area when planning a trip to Sandy Hook.

It is the little things that can make or break a fishing trip. When it comes to catching trophy size stripers every detail must be taken into consideration, for you may only have one shot at a big fish.

That's why so few fishermen succeed at catching large striped bass. Small details such as correctly tied knots that will not fail under pressure, needle sharp hooks and line that is sufficiently strong to take the abuse that a big fish can dish out when its life is at stake are as important as having the right baits or lures, and fishing the spots where bigger fish live.

Sandy Hook is home to a lot of big bass. The largest recorded, a 65 pounder, was caught during the mid-60s and for a time, held the state record. Fish of this size are rare, however. Today, a 40 will get the attention of fellow anglers and a 50 will give you bragging rights until someone else comes in with a bigger bass.

You will need stout tackle to handle these large fish as many an unfortunate angler has discovered when a 50 pound linesider grabbed the bait or lure that was working frantically in the Rip and promptly escaped after breaking the rod, popping the line or straightening the hook.

I would not consider attempting to troll the Sandy Hook Rip or other hotspots with anything lighter than 20 pound class tackle, and if the situation demands, will often go to 30 pound equipment and line that has a break strength of 40 to 60 pounds.

A favorite trolling rig, and one that has produced a lot of big fish for this reporter, is the standard 7 foot, 20 pound class trolling rod with regular ring or carboloy guides and a 3/0 size Penn Senator reel.

Experienced trollers will load their reels with 30 to 50 pound test monofilament or dacron in some situations,

A graph recorder helps locate dropoffs and bottom formations which attract trophy stripers.

but far more often, savvy striped bass trollers find it pays to rig with single strand wire, monel or lead core to carry the lures down to depths at which larger bass are searching for an easy meal.

Summertime bass fishing is strictly an after dark proposition; so if you hope to join the top 10 percent who catch bass, be prepared to lose a little sleep.

During daylight hours there are thousands of pleasure boaters, fishermen and a large fleet of party and charter boats and sailing enthusiasts utilizing the lower bay. The commotion created by the comings and goings of this huge armada is enough to cause any sane striped bass to seek shetler on or near the bottom. Once evening comes, waters settle, boat traffic is minimal, and you'll find the bass are more receptive to your offerings.

Many Sandy Hook striper experts focus their attention on the famous Sandy Hook Rip which is located at the tip of Sandy Hook and is visible to boaters entering or leaving the bay. This is big bass land in capitals and is the one area that can be counted on to produce bragging size stripers on a regular basis throughout the summer and fall.

There is no doubt the outgoing tide will provide optimum opportunity for taking big bass from the Rip. As the tide increases in velocity, small eddies and pockets form in the Rip and bragging size bass will take up residence where they can ambush smaller baitfish such as herring, menhaden, fluke, flounder, cunners and sand launce (sand eel) that are being swept out by the swirling currents.

This is no place for small boats, light casting or plugging tackle and pint size plugs. Most of the successful striper fishermen who know how to work the Rip will be aboard seaworthy boats that can take torturous seas without tipping or rolling and they will be very secretive.

Those who know what it is all about will be rigged with giant sub-surface swimming plugs that measure 9 to 12 inches in length and will have heavy duty tackle that does not yield under pressure.

Some of the more popular plugs include the Danny, Creek Chub, Atom, Goo Goo Eyes and other similar models in the largest weights available and in a variety of colors ranging from all white to a rainbow finished model that looks like it should scare more fish than it attracts.

There is a knack to fishing the Rip. Knowledgeable fishermen do not actually troll to bring out the built-in action of the plugs, but instead use the current to their advantage.

Savvy bass fishermen will "stem" the tide. This is accomplished by using engine power and tide. By keeping the boat to the edge of the Rip and allowing it to swing in and out of the tidal flow, it is possible to make the plugs work without actually moving the boat forward or being swept down current by the swirling tide. This is the key to catching big stripers from the Rip and it is a method used by the professional charter skippers to produce many 40 and 50 pounders in recent years.

Big bass are particularly fond of large wooden swimming plugs.

Quite naturally, moon phase is an important ingredient to success when fishing for big stripers at the famous Rip. Most of the real sharp bass fishermen will sit out the first and last quarter stages and wait for full or new moon tides. The full and new moon phase will produce extremely high and low tides and will create a faster flow of water rushing out of the bay on the outgoing tide or, during incoming tide, back into the bay. It is these abnormal tides which bring the Rip to life, and as a result, will normally provide optimum opportunity for catching bigger stripers.

Describing the method that is used to "stem" the tide is a lot easier than putting it into practice under actual fishing conditions. You must remember, the tidal flow on a full moon tide is tremendous. Small outboard kickers don't make it here. You need enough reserve power to keep the boat in position against a rushing tide, but not so much that it forces the boat forward. It is a technique that mandates practice. But, once you get the system wired, you will catch bass that most other fishermen only dream about.

The Rip is probably the best place to hang a striper that is worthy of a place on the wall. It is not, however, the only spot where it is possible to enjoy good summertime striped bass fishing at Sandy Hook.

Other favorite haunts include Romer Shoal, Flynn's Knoll, between Sandy Hook and Ambrose Channels (commonly called "Between The Channels" by Sandy Hook regulars) and to a lesser degree, Chapel Hill Channel.

Almost to a man, the knowledgeable striper fishermen will use natural baits when fishing these areas. There is a reason. For openers, the vast majority of stripers that are taken from Romer, Chapel Hill and Flynn's are "schoolies" weighing less than 15 pounds and quite often no more than 4 to 6 pounds. A foot long plug isn't likely to get much attention from a bass that is only twice its size.

A lively sand worm that measures 5 to 8 inches, however, is a tidy snack for a school size striper. Any hungry bass that spots a sand worm wriggling in the current is not about to pass up what appears to be an easy meal.

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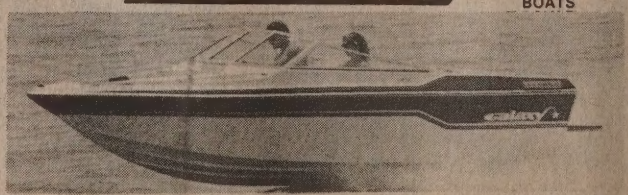

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waters. The accepted method is to start the drift uptide of the spot where you hope bass are feeding and to then use the tide to carry the baits into range of the fish.

Savvy striped bass fishermen know that by positioning the boat correctly and using the force of the current, it is possible to drift in close to underwater obstructions such as sunken rocks, channel edges, dropoffs and bottom depressions that might harbor bass. Done correctly drifting is a deadly technique since there is no motor noise to alert bass or to stop them from feeding in a normal fashion.

Although I've never enjoyed much success when trolling plugs, spoons or tube rigs around Romer, I have caught a lot of school size bass when trolling between the channels, at Flynn's Knoll and along the edges of Chapel Hill Channel where bottom depth drops off to form deep pocket waters.

For my money nothing produces better bass action at Flynn's than an umbrella rig fished on single strand stainless steel or monel line. Others may find they catch as well using lead core and that may well be true. However, the single strand has less water resistance and will sink quickly. It is also less costly to replace and does not suffer the fraying that often occurs when a sharp edged rock or other snag digs into the braid that covers the lead core.

On the minus side, single strand does have a tendency to kink if it isn't handled correctly. Once a kink is formed in the single strand, it is a potential weak spot that will cause an immediate break in the wire when pressure is applied. I feel it is worth the risk, but others may find that they are more secure when using lead core.

At any rate, you can troll the tube rigs so they run at various depths. I mark my wire line outfits at 50 foot intervals so I know the exact amount of line I have out. Using the standard method of 5 feet of depth for each 50 feet of single strand wire, I can tell within a matter of inches, what depth the lures are covering and can then adjust to get more or less depth by adjusting the length of wire that is being used.

This may seem a small item, but as I said at the start, it is the little details that mean the difference between fishing and catching fish. Lure depth is probably the most important ingredient to catching Sandy Hook's summertime bass. Unless you *know* the depth of your lures, you really cannot tell if you are covering the dining area or just dragging the lures across the lobby.

Most bass fishermen who probe Sandy Hook Bay have, at one time or another, fished between Ambrose and Sandy Hook Channel. Some experts work this area on a daily basis from May until mid-December and know the bottom configuration as well as you know your back yard. They do, of course, catch a lot of bass. Others,

less into trolling, and not willing to invest a lot of time and effort in order to catch a few hot weather bass, can also cash in on the stripers that live between the channels.

The quickest route to success is to purchase a chart of the area. I use the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) charts and can recommend them highly. When fishing Sandy Hook, you'll need chart No. 12324 which covers Sandy Hook to Little Egg Harbor, in addition to showing Flynn's Knoll and portions of Chapel Hill Channel, Romer Shoals and the lower end of Sandy Hook and Ambrose Channels.

The NOAA charts are available for about $5 from most bait and tackle shops throughout the coastal zone or may be purchased at area marinas and boating supply outlets along the Jersey Shore, at Staten Island or on Long Island.

Another excellent Sandy Hook/ Raritan Bay chart, and one that I've used for a number of years is marketed by Captain Vic Enterprises, 8 Iris Court, Milltown, NJ 08810. The Captain Vic charts are available through many local bait and tackle shops, at area marinas and boating supply shops or may be ordered direct from the above address.

There really isn't a whole lot more to say. You might want to try a couple exploratory trips during daylight to get your bearings, for at night the bay is a very dark and dismal place fo rthe angler who is unaccustomed to fishing open waters under cover of darkness. Familiar landmarks that might jump right out at you in the daylight blend into surrounding background lights and are virtually indiscernable to the untrained eye.

Hang in there. With experience you'll learn what to look for and then wonder why it wasn't obvious before. We've all been there and would not have it any other way.

Night sounds are magnified. A feeding striper that smacks into a tightly packed school of spearing close to the boat will sound like a car being dropped from the Verrazano Bridge, and even a school of small baitfish will cause enough commotion to get he nreves jumping with excitement.

And, when a big bass does finally decide to pounce on that appetizing sand worm or plug that is swimming frantically in the swirling current, your heart will go into high gear. If it doesn't, you are definitely not a striped bass fisherman and should look elsewhere for your pleasure. I've heard that golf or bowling are lots of fun and for sure, they won't cost as much or cause you to lose as much sleep.

It is all a part of the experience and without it, summertime bass fishing at Sandy Hook would not be quite as much fun. After all, there is a lot more to fishing than just catching fish, at least that is what I've been told by the guys and gals who dont' catch many bass.

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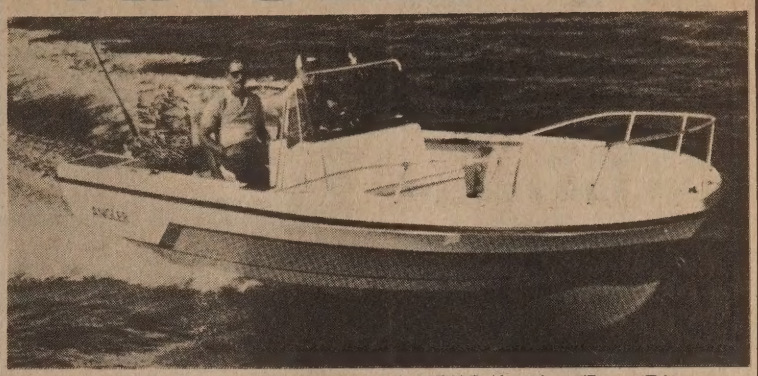

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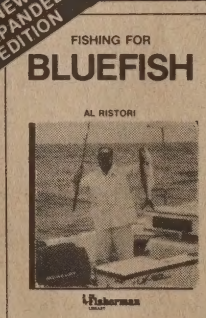

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PORTRAIT OF A FISHERMAN

Part One—by Matt Ahern

I am writing this particular article as an overall reply to numerous requests by Fisherman readers to "Tell us of your young days, Matt. How did you begin fishing?" Et cetera.

I'm glad to do so, but to make it a little easier on this old head, I shall redo a similar article written several years ago, making corrective changes where appropriate.

By the time you read this, I shall have been fishing 66 years. As you will agree, this is certainly a good, long time. And in that good, long time I believe I've witnessed everything there is to see in the bottom fishing game—from fire at sea, to the tragedy of shipwreck. And I still learn something new on the vagaries of fishing and of fish, in general. Each time I go out—without fail.

A little about "luck" in the fishing game.

Sure, up to a point, "luck" enters into the fishing game. We've all seen or heard of the novice who has won the party boat big fish pool over the efforts of well-experienced fishermen. That is a pure example of luck. It happens, I believe, when the cantankerous fishing gods decide to become playful and give the "old guy" his comeuppance, deservedly so, or not. But let us not become complacent, for this type of "luck" is a far cry from the skill and knowledge required to consistently put fish in the bucket over and above the competition. If you doubt this, ask yourself how often you've seen this pool winning by a novice. Not too often, I'm sure.

Now, all this may lead you to believe I'm a hot-shot fisherman. But such is not the case. A fair fisherman perhaps—after all one cannot fish close to 70 years and fail to achieve some measure of success. But in the true sense of the term "good fisherman," I am far from that.

I fish regularly with fellows who put me in the little boy's class and this they manage to do with little strain or pain on their part. For instance, I simply cannot out-cod my buddy of these 60 plus years, Artie Leidecker; nor can I, except under rare circumstances, out-flounder Nick Hauck with whom I've been fishing 48 years this past March. These fellows are truly master fishermen, and against them I cheerfully admit I come in a poor second. They possess a certain something that is beyond my ken. But oddly enough, we learn from each other. One complements the other.

And these two buddies of mine are no exceptions in this hectic bottom fishing game. There are multitudes of such fishermen on the water each fine day (and some not so fine). You will find these fishermen quiet, unassuming and steeped in fish lore. By those qualities shall you know them. Beware the self-centered braggart and noise maker who calls attention to himself, for rest assured he knows little of the fishing game. These are simply the braggart's self-conscious methods devised to overlook shortcomings, shortcomings that are bothering him more than somewhat. The sad part of this is that such fellows will surely drag down those who accept them as experts. A word to the wise is sufficient, for there are many about on the land.

A master angler will always help a brother fisherman—there are no ifs, and, or buts about it. In all the years I've put into the fishing game, I've never seen one of these fellows refuse help when requests are made in a sincere manner. These Good Samaritans are notorious for cheerfully parting with knowledge and information which may have taken a lifetime to learn. They understand what it means to desperately want to catch fish.

And it was this method of securing knowledge that proved so useful to me in those days of yesteryear when I needed to increase my meager supply of that knowledge. There were no magazines devoted exclusively to the needs of saltwater fishermen those days.

But where there's a will, there's a way. And in this I was fortunate, for in the Brooklyn neighborhood in which I was reared, master fishermen abounded. They are long gone, but their memory and kindness to a knee-pants kid is deeply etched and will forever be remembered.

I think that I'd better get on with this, for it is certainly boring to read about someone tooting his own horn, regardless of the good intentions.

Now a span of 66 years is certainly a long time to spend in the fishing game. Agreed. But as I seem blessed with a retentive memory, the effort to recall trials and tribulations is not all that difficult.

Let me say that I first became interested in fishing at the tender age of five. This was back in 1919, shortly after the first World War. I had seen a

photo in the old New York Evening Journal of fishermen catching lafayettes from a rundown Brooklyn pier. The supply of these small fish must have been great indeed, and the crowds catching them greater still. Some of these fishermen held handlines as they attempted to hook fish through broken and quite possibly purposely torn out wood planking of the walkway. In my mind's eye, I can still see mounds of fish scattered about the pier.

No one in my family was a fisherman and I can't for the life of me explain from whence came this soul-stirring interest. But I had it. I couldn't read at the time, so I asked Pop to read the accompanying story to me. I never forgot it. To this day lafayettes hold a special niche in my fishing heart. I knew then, just knew, mind you, that someday I would become a fisherman. It was as certain as the sun's rising in the east.

I don't know if you believe in fate, but in the summer of 1920 my family removed to another Brooklyn neighborhood. I didnt know it then, but I was about to embark on a lifelong fishing career.

The day after we had removed and settled in, I sat alone on the chipped brownstone stoop of the tenement—a tenement which would be my home for many years. I was probably thinking dark thoughts, if such is possible for a six-year-old, for I certainly missed my small friends of the old neighborhood. How long I sat there I don't know, and up until then I had been completely ignored by the neighborhood's kids, which didn't make me feel overjoyed. Then this skinny, tow-headed, eight-year-old kid came and sat alongside me, giving me the once-over as only an eight-year-old can. His name was Artie Leidecker and he was destined to become (and still is) a bosom buddy of almost 70 years standing, and who remains to this day closer than a brother.

Artie and I never mentioned the word "fishing" when we first met. Whether this was because there was little incentive to do so, I can't say. It wasn't until the following summer that Artie spoke the magic word. He told me of a pond hidden away in a local cemetery said to contain bullheads, white perch (which we kids called silver fish), goldfish and some mighty hefty carp. The fish were there for the catching, Artie said, and maybe, because the thought seemed most appealing at the time, maybe we ought to look into it.

O Happy Day!

As for tackle, Artie said he was told any whippy willow branch would do for a rod. A bottle cork for a bobber, a length of black sewing thread, a carefully bent straight pin for a hook, plus a mixture of flour, water and sugar for bait was all we needed.

So began our fishing careers.

Artie and I didn't catch a fish the first few times we tried. But one day I landed a three inch bullhead. That was all it took! From then on fishing dominated my life, causing hundreds of sleepless nights, many lost financial opportunities that I willingly tossed aside if I thought they might interfere with my fishing, plus that host of minor annoyances which true fanatics of our sport fall heir to.

I have never regretted it.

From pond fishing, Artie and I graduated to saltwater and we (along with several other buddies such as Aaron Feldmand and Jimmy Anderson) gave the Canarsie and Sheepshead Bay snappers, yearling mackerel, and lafayettes a hard time for many summers. But it was the party boats of those two ports that fascinated me. Just to watch those boats return with fishermen weighed down with all manners of fish was enough to set me to trembling. By hook or crook, I told Artie, someday I was going to get aboard those boats.

This was my dream. It possessed me as none other in my lifetime.

Little did that small boy of so long ago realize how well that dream would be fulfilled, even to the extent of piloting at times a party boat when he was not quite 18. I am certain that had I been aware of how far that dream would take me in the bottom fishing game, I now believe I would have been alarmed at the knowledge required in order to succeed. Truly, ignorance is bliss.

And this is where those master fishermen mentioned earlier came in. As each seasonal species of fish became available, I asked questions of these experts. And boy!—could I ask questions! I had yet to fish aboard a party boat, I had yet to catch one of those fish I was so interested in, but because of this intense desire to learn, I became a walking encylcopedia on how it was done. Sadly, though, little did I realize there was a vast difference between knowing and doing.

So well did I learn because of this intense interest, I was actually accepted as a genuine sinker bouncer by those master fishermen. Of course, I now know that because my interest was so sincere they hadn't the heart to discourage me from sitting in on their discussions. I'm sure I made a pest of myself, and when I look back now, I'm sure most of my innumerable questions were indeed foolish and asinine. But to the everlasting credit of these kindly fishermen, not one told me to roll my hoop elsewhere. I'm sure that had this been done, my spirit would have been broken. I'm certain that had this occurred, I would have been done in and perhaps even come to look upon fishing with a jaundiced eye in my maturity. I'm sure they recognized this. Truly, there were great fishermen in my old Brooklyn neighborhood.

So—enough horn-tooting for now.

I'll bring this to a close next week, and if you can forgive an old fisherman, I'll try not to bore you with platitudes.

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DARKSIDE BASSIN'

by Fred Laager

Those entering into the spooky realm of nightime bassing are well rewarded for their efforts.

While the rest of the world goes about its business; while vast hordes of shoppers invade the streets on their way to local malls looking for a good buy; while movie theatres fill to capacity offering timid crowds a bit of excitement for their money; while people sit at home in front of the TV hoping for a thrill that will never come; while many workaholics sit in their offices wondering how they can strike it rich before they're 40; when the sun has retreated far below the rim of the western edge, it is then that I ply the shores of hidden lakes searching for the strike of a lunker bass.

Twilight is a time when solitude exists; when I alone am the only outsider in a world or eat-or-be-eaten. It is a time not fit for timid folks for there are many things on a summer lake that spook even the most seasoned angler. To this day, the thought that I am the biggest animal in the lake still doesn't allay the fear I feel when wading in the water at night. My heart skips a beat when I brush against a darkened log beneath the surface and I more than once had thought I lost a hand to a snapping turtle only to find that it was a bluegill nipping at my fingers as I groped about, chest deep, in the darkness. But despite my fears of the night there is a reason for my nocturnal jaunts and I often wonder what it is about the darkness that keeps me coming back for more.

Author with a big smallmouth that fell for a Heddon Tiny Torpedo after dark.

Is it the lack of nuisances found on the water at this time? Is it the melodious sound of frogs singing tenor along the banks while the owl hoots his bass from above—is it nature's music that soothes my soul after a long day's work? Is it the glow of the moon shimmering across the moistened lily pads, looking like some work of art in an expensive Manhattan gallery that appeals aesthetically to my senses? No, I think it is the bass alone that brings me back; the casting of a lure in the darkness, the subtle plop, the retrieve, the strike and the eruption of water as the lure is enveloped. It is the feel of true weight on the end of the line, the tug of power and the excitement of not knowing what I've got till I've got it.

Summer evenings are the time for bassin'. Warm weather and humid nights bring forth an abundance of insect life as well as frogs, snakes, minnows, snails and untold other forms of aquatic and terrestrial life fo the bass to feed on. It is at dusk that many species of mayfly and caddis can hatch without being eaten by the swallows who have left for the day or the bats who have not yet arrived. Frogs spring forth in numbers and line the shallows along the lakeside. Snakes stalk the shoreline looking for a minnow meal while snails meander along the underside of lily pads and along the shafts of lightly swaying cattails. Evening is the time when the shoreline's inhabitants look about for an easy meal while keeping ever alert not to be put on the menu. For evening is the time that the bass move into to prowl.

Twilight, the magical hour befor and after sunset, beckons large bass toward the cooling shallows of the shore. They are being called to feed and they are looking for a handout and would prefer an easy mark. The injured or infirmed baitfish or the noisy frog tells the bass that his efforts will be rewarded for he will not have to pursue his prey for any length of time. The noisy, erratic action of something injured is to him as loud a message as a ringing dinner bell. "Eat me," says the bait, and the bass

is happy to comply.

Success is imminent for the bass in such a circumstance. He will take in more calories than he expends because the prey was easy to catch and this custom will make him larger and fatter. This habit will allow him to become old and wise unless he meets up with the knowledgeable angler who will fool him. Baits resembling an injured fish will catch him off his guard. Productive methods like a careful stalk and a subtle cast will not frighten this old wise fish and he won't be expecting any visitors to his lake at night. These techniques the bass is not expecting. Use them and you might catch him.

Fishing for bass at night requires that the angler adopt a subtle approach. The fish have moved into the shallows to feed, but are now prone to being eaten themselves and are easily spooked by shadow and movement. Once, while walking along a canal in the Everglades in Southern Florida, I saw a great blue heron impale a 4 pound bass on its beak and subsequently shake and kill the fish (a lesson learned all too late for the bass). After many attempts at trying to swallow the fish whole, the heron gave up and flew away to seek more mouth-sized tidbits. Though bass are at the top of the food chain in most lakes, they are still open season to the likes of ospreys and herons and are very shy when swimming in water that lacks structure, so be cautious when wading or when fishing from a boat. Make very little waves, don't splash or turn up the bottom and don't make noise. Use devices such as flashlights sparingly and keep shoreline lights to your side so that you aren't illuminated and so you don't cast a shadow.

For night fishing I've always found that top water plugs work best, especially in summer when frogs and large baitfish become a prime food source for largemouth and smallmouth alike. Old standards such as the Arbogast Hula Popper and Jitterbug, the Heddon Tiny Torpedo or the Cordell Boy Howdy are dynamite on summer bass and are easily cast and worked around structure in a weedless fashion. These lures, in either a dark color or a frog pattern, resemble an injured baitfish or a swimming frog and have always given me success in the evenings and early morning.

When fishing these kinds of lures or any lures for that matter, it is important to use light line that will enable the lure to swim the way it was designed to. Six and four pound test are the standards for this kind of fishing and the rod used should be flexible enough to Absorb the impact of a large bass when he jumps free from the water upon striking the plug. Reel size may vary, but I prefer those with oversized spools and large drag washers for they tend to operate smoothly when a fish makes a run. Keep the outfit light if you can for excessive weight and size can cause fatigue and hinder your success. Long Island is chock-full of good bassin' waters and those not found in parklands are open 24 hours a day. Most of our 526 lakes and ponds support healthy populations of largemouth and smallmouth as well as a variety of other species willing to take your lure. For information concerning the whereabouts of the many lakes and ponds on Long Island and the fish they hold, you can contact the DEC Bureau of Fisheries, Bldg. 40, SUNY, Stony Brook, NY 11794 or call (516) 751-7900. Various pamphlets and information concerning lakes and ponds in your area are available upon request.

So when the sun sets on your summer afternoon; when shoppers mill about the malls and movie fans stare blankly at the same old stuff on the big screen; when TV viewers are getting ready for another boring evening in front of the boob tube and the workaholics are studying the Dow Jones for the tenth time—head on down to your local pond for a treat. You may find that the money you spent on your fishing gear was worth every cent and that fishing was the best buy in town; that night fishing for bass is more thrilling than old reruns on TV; that playing is better than working and that there is nothing more exciting than not knowing what you've got till you've got it.

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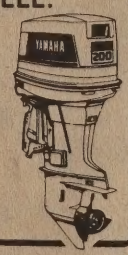

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TIPS FOR TAKING MORE BLUE CLAWS

by Jim Capossela

Every crabber seems to have a method that he or she dotes on. There are dyed-in-the-wool handliners who wouldn't have it any other way, and there are trap flingers who have sadly never tried handlining. Then there are the scappers, trotliners and potters. My approach is a different one: I employ several different methods all at once!

"You're running around like a chicken with its head chopped off," a companion said to me one day as he watched me pull cages, run along the muddy bank operating handlines and scapping "sleepers" off of the side of the bridge. But a bushel basket is 65 average-sized crabs, and you don't fill that bushel by napping between pulls.

Of all the methods commonly used on Long Island, perhaps the one most overlooked is simple scapping. If you know where and when to look, it's just amazing how many crabs you can collect with the bare minimum amoung of gear. No traps, no lines, no bait to buy or catch. Just a scap net and a pail or basket.

Night is the prime time for scappers. It is during darkness that many crabs forsake the bottom, where they normally sulk and swim right along on the surface. Working out of a small boat, one half of a team can work a spotlight while the other person does the scapping. A good light for this purpose is an automotive sealed beam mounted to a pole and hooked up to a 12 volt battery. The beam is fastened with wood screws to the end of a six foot or longer pole. Wires from the beam are taped along the length of the pole and connect to the battery which sits in the bottom of the boat.

I like a 10 foot aluminum scap net for this type of crabbing. Scap nets, in varying lengths, are sold by many Long Island sport shops, especially those located along the south shore.

Night scapping or "jacking" has long been a popular pastime on Great South Bay, but there is some very good crabbing at times in both Moriches and Shinnecock Bays. During recent years, best crab activity has just about coincided with the fall flounder run—blue claws are apparently not just a summertime species. Even more overlooked than Moriches is Shinnecock. A very small contingent of blue claw lovers who work this easternmost bay keep their successes

When setting out traps from a boat, use square pieces of styrofoam as buoys. On many quiet backwaters where crabs flourish, a small rowboat is sufficient.

very much to themselves. On both bays, the best action is often in the backwater sections and/or where small creeks enter, a good example being Heady Creek on Shinnecock Bay. But blue claws roam throughout these bays and their wanderings seem to be most noticeable at night. Try jacking on either of these bays, especially between late August and late October (even November).

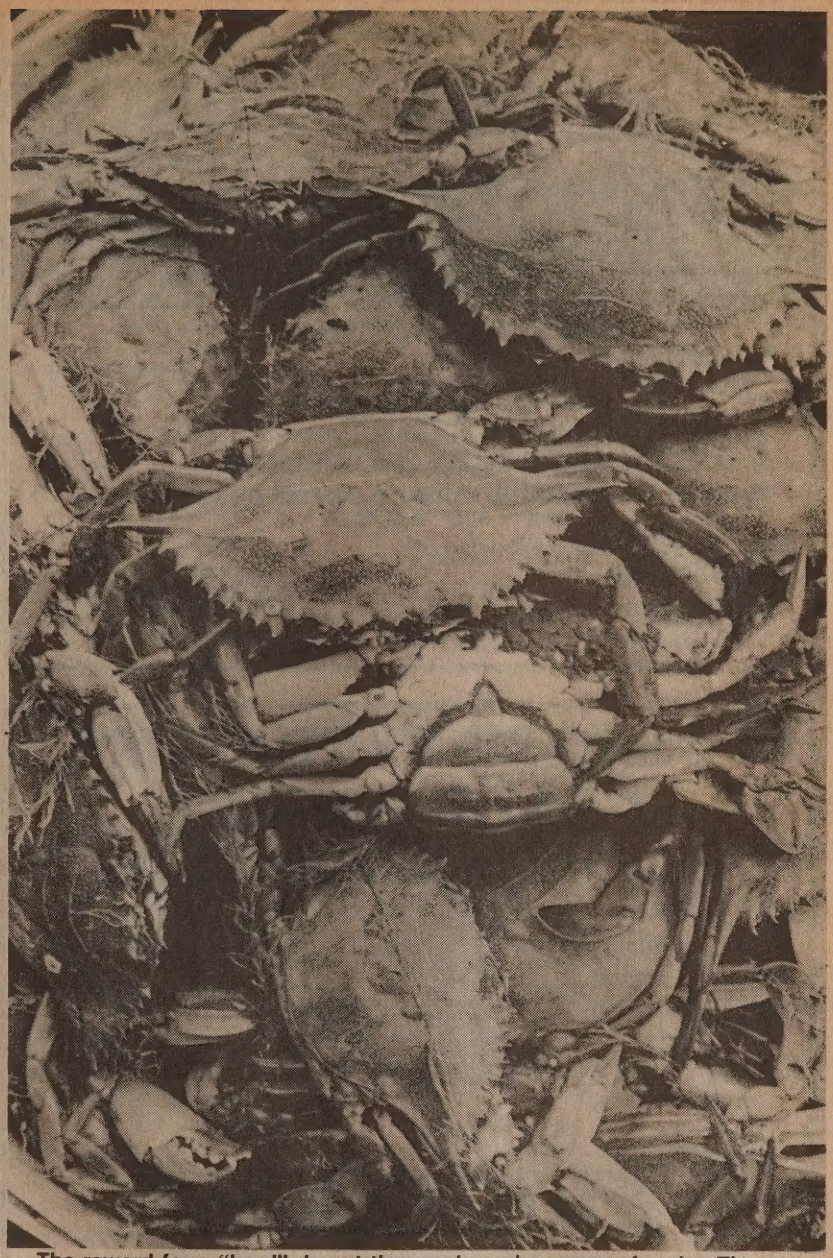
A clever tactic when a scap net is all you wield is to intercept the quarry at a bridge where crabs may get "squeezed" while going from one body of water to another. A perfect example of this scenario on Long Island is the Old Montauk Highway Bridge over Quantuck Creek just east of Quogue. At this spot, where there is parking and access, I have seen homemade scap nets pushing the 16 foot mark. Although traps and handlines are also used here, the scappers simply stand on the bridge with the net dangling down toward the water. When a crab is seen floating by, a fair amount of dexterity and timing has to be put in effect to make the capture. Sometimes there is even good daytime action if the tide is right. For such bridge scapping, a moving tide is what's often necessary, with incoming frequently the best.

Again with only a scap net you can make a dent in that bushel by going around checking old wooden pilings, docks and retaining walls that butt up against the water. Crabs hangs onto these things, especially at night and in the morning up to about nine o'clock. I have found that when the sun gets high they often leave these perches.

At Tom's River, New Jersey, a spot famous for crabbing, there is a row of old wooden pilings that parallel the big bridge running out to Long Beach Island. When crabbing here, we often set a string of traps, then go around from one piling to another looking for hangers. Between the inevitable chip and the tide, and the fact that many crabs will just barely be visible several feet below the water's surface, this is challenge of the highest order. Sometimes when you make a lunge you pull up the net and look into the mesh excitedly, not knowing whether you've missed or scored. Note that a very long scap net is not always desirable. In this situation, I almost always use a six footer.

On Long Island, try around the numerous docks and marinas that front the south shore bays or the side creeks off the Peconics. At night, the lights of a marina will often draw crabs in, or at least that's the theory. If you're scapping at night, try to have a few baited cages ready to toss in just before dawn. It's the hottest time for a baited trap.

Handlining is a method that seems most suited to small, tidal creeks. Since on Long Island there aren't that many of these where public access exists, it's not a technique widely seen out here. I've enjoyed handlining more in Connecticut in Sasco Creek and in the Saugatuck River and in southern New Jersey where there is a maze of marshy tidal streams. Down there, handlines dominate and traps may even draw a sneer or two.



The reward for a "hard" day at the creek: a nice mess of crabs. The upside down crab reveals that it is a female by the shape of its abdomen.

To run a handline, simply tie a piece of bait to the end of a piece of heavy string, toss it out, wait from a few minutes to 15 minutes, then start slowly pulling it back. If you feel a crab scratching away, keep pulling. If you feel nothing, let the bait settle back down to the bottom. In stores that deal heavily in crabbing gear, you'll see numerous devices for affixing the bait to the end of the line. Usually, such a device will consist of a lead weight molded together with some kind of pin. These are good for soft bait. If you lack any such device, then fish heads are your best bet. Run your string through both eye sockets, attach a 1 to 3 ounce bank sinker (depending on current speed) and you're in business. Some kind of weight normally is necessary to keep the bait down.

Here are a few handline tips. First, use a dark string as opposed to a white one. For bait, try any fish you have, even chicken parts, but for consistently best results use bluefish or bunker heads. These are what have worked best for me, and I've tried at least 50 different kinds of bait.

You can work in teams. One person slowly drags in the bait with the crabs (hopefully) attached, while the other keeps the scap net down in the water and at the ready. Don't handicap yourself by using too long a scap net here. The classic 6 foot long wood handled scap net is just right for

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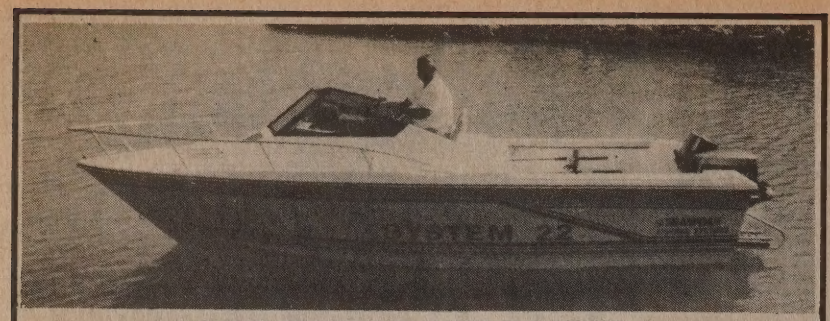

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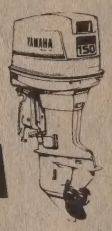

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handlining.

What to tie the end of the handline to is often a problem on a tidal creek where rocks may be absent. Just push a stick into the soft mud and use that for your stake. Set up 5 or 6 lines and make your rounds; a half-dozen lines will keep you going continually. I always set out some traps while I'm handlining. Time passes quickly.

What do you do if it's very shallow and you think the crabs might be out a little deeper? In this case, wear waders or hip boots and push a long stick into the bottom as far from shore as you can wade. With a 20 or 25 foot string you will be able to get your bait out quite far. The point here is, you don't have to stand on shore to handline. If you lack boots, an old pair of sneakers may suffice. During crab season, the water is at its warmest.

One late October day I sailed for flounder on a party boat out of Captree. The fishing was extremely slow, with perhaps only a dozen small fish boated. The highlight of the day for me was an immense blue claw that held on long enough for the mate to net it. I resisted the urging of my three friends to enter the crab in the pool, but to this day I've been wondering whether the mate would have allowed it.

Blue claws, then, can be taken from boats by handlines or fishing rods. One time, in fact, this ploy saved the day on Barnegat Bay. Four of us got to the marina at 4AM, but the sleepy-eyed attendant didn't show until 7AM—2½ hours late. By the time we got our boat and bait the sun was already high and we knew that we had missed the best part of the day. Sure enough, the action in the cages greatly slowed after one o'clock, but for four hours after that we caught a nice mess of crabs using only our fishing rods baited with little pieces of fish. I've seen this before! After early morning when the crabs stop going into the cages, they'll still pick up handlines. This is only sometimes, though. As an old Chesapeake Bay commercial crabber once put it, "ain't nobody knows nothing about crabs."

Almost everyone who fishes with crab traps or "cages" sooner or later gets the urge to set out a few pots. For the uninitiated, a pot is a type of trap, but unlike the standard box trap used by sportsmen, the pot essentially prevents the crabs from getting out once they come in. Pots are usually made out of special wire and commercial models are 2 feet long, 2 feet wide and 21 inches high. Crabs enter by any of 2 to 4 entrances, located at the bottom side of the pot. In coastal sport shops, especially from New Jersey south, you will not see a whole plethora of "sport pots." Made by local entrepreneurs mainly, these pots are often smaller in size, more experimental in design and frequently coated with a heavy dark green or black vinyl. **Some** of these pots may work well, but I have found that they consistently take fewer crabs than the

standard "chicken wire" commercial pots (it's really not chicken wire, but it does resemble it). I can't say why these vinylized sport pots don't seem to work as well. Some experts I've talked to believe the extra heavy wire is a turn-off to crabs. Others say that it's the shape of the mesh, or the number or shape of the doors. Whatever the reason, the few pots I use are now strictly the commercial type as they work best for me.

There are at least two axioms about potting: oily fish work best and pots that are all weeded up or otherwise fouled so a crab can't clearly see in are less effective. Commercial crabbers rely heavily on alewife or other types of herring, although doubtless a great range of fish baits can and have been used.

Whether you're using regular 12 inch cubed sport traps or full size pots, you must be aware of the current where you're crabbing. If it's very strong, consider using a cut-down "low profile" trap. An example would be the very popular "Foxy-Mate" made by the Franklin Company. To all my traps, though, I wire in 10 inch lengths of steel concrete reinforcing rod, one length to each side of the trap. With this step taken, I can count on my trap landing squarely on the bottom and the doors opening properly 90 percent of the time.

As with my handlines, I use a dark string when possible. I leave new traps out in the weather to rust up a little since an old tarnished trap seems to work somewhat better than a shiny new trap. One other important tip with traps is to use a string that is strong enough on the doors. The string that most traps come with is usually too frail. For the running line, always use something that floats, like polypropylene. Floatability will keep the line from snagging in the shoreline rocks and it will still be visible if it comes untied from shore.

Really work over your traps before setting out. Crab traps are just like tip-ups for ice fishing—they never seem to work exactly right until you make a bunch of little alterations to them. Do this at home, but bring along a pair of cutting pliers and some wire to make on the spot repairs.

Combining methods, crabbing early in the morning, weighting your traps, finding places where there's just the right mix of fresh and saltwater (and in this regard even paying attention to things like recent rainfall)—these are some of my top tips for catching more blue claws. But you still have to keep those tasty shellfish alive until you get them home. Keep them in a bushel basket in the shade and covered with a wet piece of burlap. Dip the entire bushel in the water periodically. When you get home, discard dead crabs. If you buy whole, cooked crabs, pick one up. Do the claws dangle down limply or are they fairly rigid? If they're limp, chances are that someone sold you crabs that were already dead when they were cooked.

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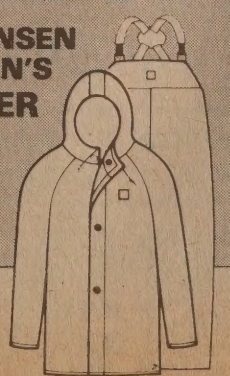

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CATCH AND RELEASE FLUKE FISHING

by Brian Mulholland

The abundance of short fluke in local waters has spelled good news to some enterprising light tackle anglers.

Two predictions can safely be made about fluke fishing in Great South Bay in 1987. The first is that fluke will be abundant. An angler who drifts channel edges and faithfully changes his killies or squid strips is assured of a steady pick of fluke. Fishermen who like to cast and wade and save money by expending some shoe leather will do well also. The second thing of which we can be assured is that the vast majority of the fluke in question are going to be short.

I did more fluking in Great South Bay this past year than I'd done in the preceding five or six years together. My time was evenly divided between walking the shores of Jones Island with squid strips and bucktails, and dragging killies around in a small boat. When circumstance permitted I and my friend Charles, on whose boat we fished, usually kept four rods busy: two rods dragging killies and two rods for casting bucktails.

We always had fluke, but most trips had no keepers. On several occasions

we sorted fish at the rate of 15 or 20 an hour for a couple of hours at a stretch—without finding a 14 inch fish among them.

There are several explanations for this phenomenon, and they are overfishing, overfishing and overfishing. Assessing the relative weight of commercial and recreational fishing on the fluke population is beyond my competence, but one thing is for sure: you'll have to be very lucky and very good to go home with more than a couple of fish at a time in Great South Bay. I would be astonished if this is not true of Moriches also.

Does this mean you shouldn't go fluke fishing? Of course not. It does means that south shore fluking is a catch and release fishery with no more than the occasional potential of a decent catch of keepers. Please don't write to tell me of all the exceptions; I know that sharpies will catch fish, that your chances of a good fluke improve in September, and so on. I am not a fluke sharpie and I do fish all season long.

Trout fishermen have fun with waters designated for a catch and release fishery, and so can we. Streams or rivers designated for that particular use are not supposed to have any fish taken at all, whereas you and I can take home fluke if they're large enough. At least in that regard we're still better off than stream fishermen.

The easiest way to seek more fun in water full of 12 inch fluke is to downside your tackle. The 12 pound line that occupies most spinning reels is unnecessarily heavy and may be counterproductive. This past season I fished with 6 pound line, and had no problems in doing so. Six pound line enables you to cast and fish smaller bucktails more efficiently in fast tidal currents, and you may as well be as efficient as you can. You may have to sort through 50 fish for every keeper, so you want to set up your tackle to maximize the number of fish you see. This means scaling down to increase strikes, not scaling up for fish fighting power.

Down-sizing tackle increases fun, because a fluke that is unimpressive when dragging a killie and 4 ounces of sinker and 20 pound line provides a much livelier sensation on a graphite rod and 4 or 6 pound mono. Any concerns you may have about handling a doormat on this tackle (in Great South Bay an 18 inch fluke is big) are resolved by using a short length of heavier mono as a leader. This isn't really necessary for fluking, but it can't hurt. It will help a great deal if you trip over a decent weakfish, or tie into the small bluefish that remain abundant within the bay in season.

Light tackle opens up all kinds of interesting situations with the other species of fish that run into Great South Bay during the summer. Weakfish and bluefish are the obvious ones. When you land your bluefish, check the leader for tooth damage and replace it immediately if necessary. The ban on striped bass possession raises the intriguing possibility of catching bass, too. The 1986 weakfish run was improved within the bay, from virtually nil to poor, because the elimination of bass netting also eliminated the by-catch of weakfish. It may be that the bass population that visits within the bay will be substantial for the next couple of years. Since bass are harder to fool in daylight than either the weakfish or the blues, a light tackle angler is in the best position to surprise them.

I would rather cast a lure for fluke than fish a killie. The lure which takes fluke best is the bucktail, in whatever shape you desire. Keeping the bucktail down on the bottom is necessary and a strip of squid helps a lot. Keep the strip small, because long strips produce short strikes. Like everyone else who ties up a few bucktails, I have made a rainbow of colors, but nothing products like white. A few strands of silver mylar can't hurt and neither can a painted eye. I haven't tried pork rind, although it would be worth having in your tackle bag for those occasions when you don't have time to get bait.

The way to catch fluke is to scrape bottom. This is easily done early in the season before Great South Bay has developed too much of a weed problem. The practicality of bucktailing fades as the summer progresses and by August you might as well work your jig in a salad bowl. Boaters can usually find bottom clear enough to do a little jigging, but shorebound anglers may be entirely shut out. At this point, you have to wade and prospect for clear bottom quite carefully, and there isn't going to be a lot of it within easy reach.

Anglers in the southern U.S. looking for the sea trout, **Cynoscion nobilis**, reguarly fish a shrimp beneath a cork. This is the source from which "popping rods" come, since the cork can be popped to attract trout. Something similar is worth using up here when weed growth makes it impractical to bump bottom with a jig. Try drifting a killie, held down by a split shot or two, underneath a large float along channel edges and dropoffs. This is most widely practiced in Moriches Bay, where drifting the flats for fluke has been a normal practice for years. It's also possible to do, though it requires more effort, when working the edges of channels from the shore. The killie cannot be allowed to get too far above the bottom, because a well fed fluke will not be willing to rise to chase it. On the other hand, too much line between split shot and the boat may encourage the killie to get lost in the weed. You're probably better off with too much line out than too little, but either one should be avoided if possible. Keeping the float small will let you enjoy what sport you can get from small fluke. It's one of the few things the inshore fisherman can do during the doldrum days of late July and August.

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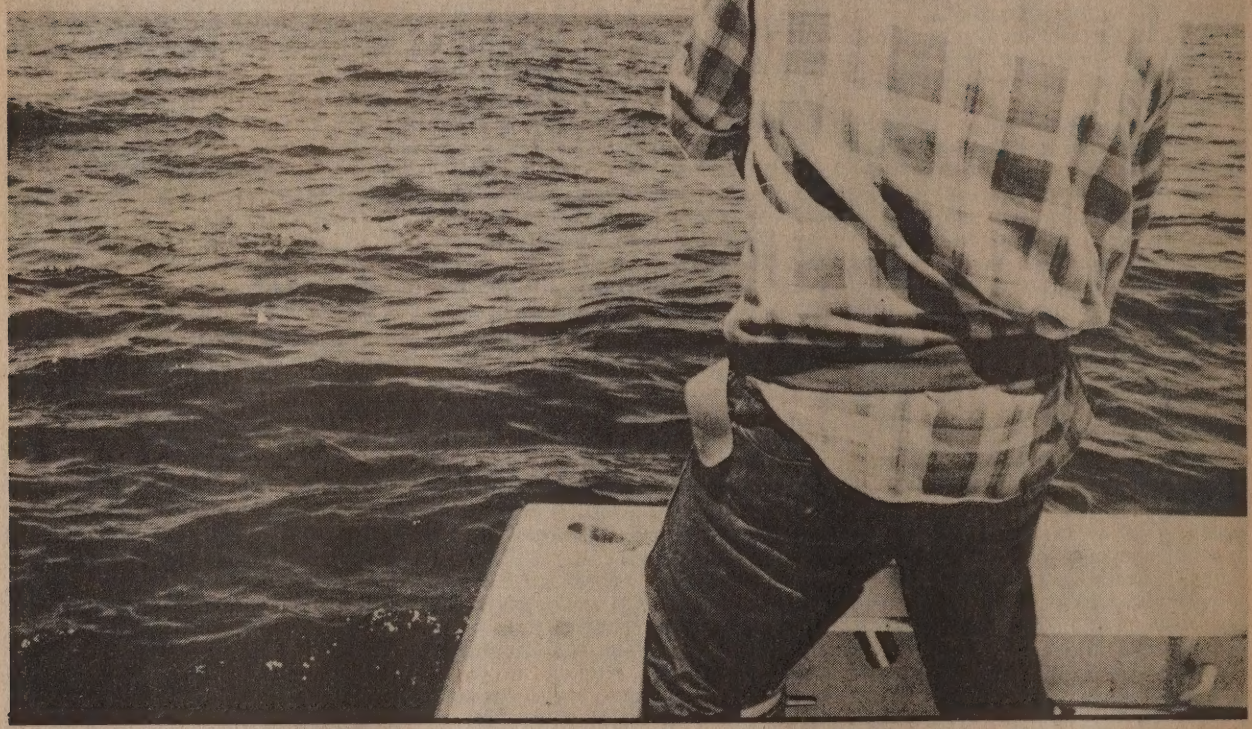
BACKYARD SHARKING

by Richard Heidecker



More and more anglers are discovering that some fine sharking exists within an easy run of south shore inlets.

Weather Forecast: Rain, winds easterly at 20 to 30 knots, wave heights 5 to 7 feet! Definitely not a day to go shark fishing, but we had planned this trip four weeks ago. Some of my guests had made the trip from upstate New York, about 225 miles away. What to do? If I did not go, everyone would be disappointed; if I did go, I would have to clean the head and decks for hours after our return. (Mal de mer would run rampant in this kind of weather.) After much soul-searching, I decided to give it a try. If we could get through the Inlet, then we would go all the way. Luck was with us and we were on our way!

After traveling for 2½ hours there were breaks in the clouds; in the direction we were headed (southeast) there were big, blue patches visible in the sky. In another hour or so we were in the vicinity of the Virginia Wreck and the weather conditions had improved tremendously. The sky was a beautiful blue, winds had diminished to 10 knots or less, wave heights were 2 to 3 feet.

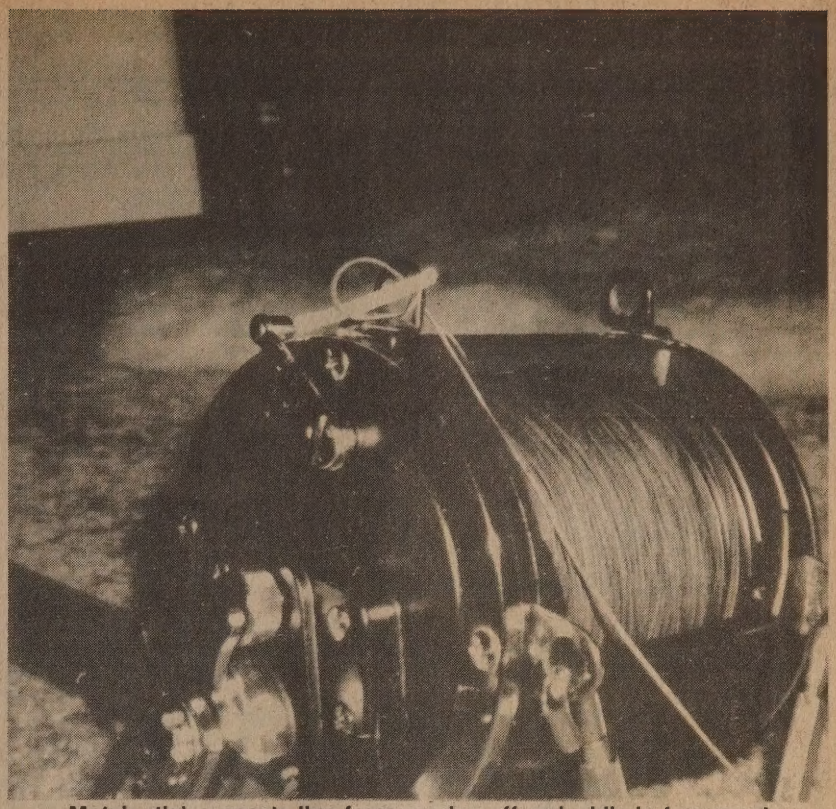
We no sooner put our chum can into the milk box and over the side when schools of yellowfin tuna decided to display their graceful ballet-like movements. They were breaking the surface of the water in pairs with a rhythm that you could set your watch to. Everyone became excited and wanted to troll for tuna. It has been my experience, however, that when fish are in that type of playful mood, they will not take a bait. Not to be outdone by the tuna, the next performers were dolphins; in like manner, these beautiful mammals also started jumping gracefully in groups of two. The ocean was seething with life; groups of birds were swooping down and, seemingly walking on the water, as they picked up small bits of our chum. Another type of bird had the uncanny ability to make deep dives to retrieve our mackerel baits which they would then chew to bits. They could do this without getting caught on any of the hooks—we had to frequently rebait our hooks. In spite of these annoying antics, one could not help enjoying the performance of these beautiful black and white birds.

For a few moments we forgot the purpose of our being miles offshore as we took in the timelessness of the ocean and all the things it was reveal-

ing to us this day. Reality came back soon enough when we had a runoff on one of our rigs. The boat became a beehive of activity. Bob picked up the rod and waited for a second runoff, possibly a third, depending on how swiftly the line was peeling off the reel, before setting the hook. The first time you grab a rod while the line is peeling off slowly, you are tempted to set the hook immediately; you should restrain yourself, however, because you are using large baits and the shark has to have a chance to swallow the bait. If one succumbs to the temptation to set the hook immediately, the bait will be yanked out of the mouth of a startled shark. It is possible to tell when to set the hook by the urgency of the line that peels off the reel. After the shark has swallowed the bait it then knows that something is wrong and it will start swimming a bit faster. That is the time to sock it to him!

While Bob waited for the right moment to set the hook, I ran to the bridge and started the engine. Everyone else grabbed the other rods and started reeling in so that when the fight started no one would tangle with the line that had the fish. Before starting to fish, it is generally a good idea to brief everybody on what to do; this way everyone will have a job to do and people will not be tripping all over each other. Of course, each man wants to be in the fighting chair (the most glorious spot to be in). There are many ways to pick this position—we draw cards. On this day Brian was the lucky one and he was waiting to receive the rod after Bob had set the hook. At the right time Bob pulled back with two hard yanks. After these movements the fish flew 10 feet into the air. MAKO! The fight was on! This was Brian's first time fighting a large fish and it was obvious that he was going to knock himself out long before the fish would be ready to be gaffed. One of the things he was doing wrong was trying to reel in line even though the line was running off because the fish's pull exceeded the setting of the drag. When the shark is making a run, one should let him go. This is a time to relax, catch your breath and regain some of your strength. You will need it! Remember that a large fish will outperform a person every time. Even Brian who does 300 sit-ups daily with a rowing machine as well as other exercises cannot beat a large mako.

With lots of advice and much sweat, Brian finally got the shark close enough to gaff and this is where another fiasco started. I had just purchased a new flying gaff especially for shark fishing. Because of the great strength of a large shark and because of its ability to twist, turn and jump in any direction, a flying gaff is the only way to control the fish. Basically, the way a flying gaff works is that a cable and rope are attached to the gaff head. This, in turn, slips into the bottom of the handle. Then the rope has a knot tied to some point in the middle which slips into a slot on the top of the handle; the rope is released after the gaff head is implanted into the shark. One must also remember to tie the very end of the rope to a sturdy cleat or around the base of the fighting chair. On my boat the fighting chair is attached to the deck by means of six 1/2-13 stainless steel bolts so I always attach my rope in this fashion.



Match stick prevents line from running off reel while in free spool.

When I first rigged up the new gaff, I did not take into consideration that new rope has a little extra stretch. As a result, the gaff head slipped free from the handle before the head was implanted in the shark. After this happened the shark was "spooked" and started a very long run. It took Brian about 35 to 45 minutes to get the shark back to the boat and into a gaffing position. When the second gaffing attempt failed, the shark took off again but this time it broke free. With this a barrage of words that would make the devil blush were uttered by Brian. After examining the gaff I realized that there was insufficient tension on the rope between the knot and gaff head. In hindsight, if we had tested the gaff prior to catching a fish we might have had a shark. The only thing that had to be done was to shorten the distance between the knot and gaff head.

It has been my practice to keep a chum slick going while fighting a fish; by doing this, it is not necessary to wait hours for a new slick to attract sharks. One member of the group is assigned the responsibility of watching the chum box which is dangling from a rope at the stern of the boat. If there is any chance of this contraption getting tangled with the line that has the fish, this person immediately pulls it into the boat and proceeds to chum the old-fashioned way (namely, with a ladle). Years ago the only way I knew how to get chum out there was with a ladle, but using a plastic milk box is a far superior method—no more mess, no more wallowing in smelly chum and you don't have to thaw it before using. The best part, of course, is that you do not have the scrub and scrape the side of the boat because an enthusiastic chummer had liberally sprayed the side of your boat. Using the milk box method for chumming is so simple! Just take a standard size plastic milk box; in it place a frozen bucket of chum that has several holes punctured in it (the number of holes depends on how thawed the chum is). Cover the box with an old refrigerator shelf and then tie it to the side of the boat, open side facing downward. Voila! You are chumming the easiest way possible. If you wish chum to come out at a faster rate, simply shorten the line. When the boat rocks, it pulls the milk box partially out of the water creating a suction that pulls the chum out faster. Conversely, lengthen the line if you wish less chum to come out.

The mako was gone! All we could do now was to put our lines back into the water and hope that our chum slick would attract another shark soon. At present, I have two 6/0 reels, one with 60 lb. mono and the other with 60 lb. dacron. Two other 9/0 reels, both with 80 lb. dacron round out the equipment that is used. My personal

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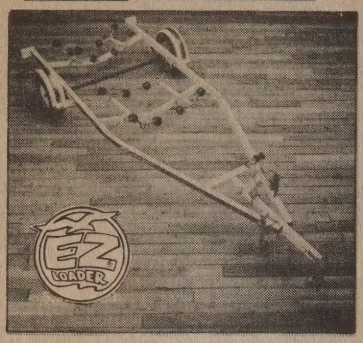

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feeling is that the dacron is a better line to use when shark fishing because there is less stretch than in monofilament. This gives you a better chance of setting the hook properly. The other reason I like the dacron is that it is hollow-cored and it is very simple to splice or make a loop by using a special line needle. With mono you must use a spider hitch or Bimini twist in order to get a double line at the terminal end.

When we use four rigs we fish each line at a different depth. The first rig has no float. Just enough of the line is let out so that the bait is barely visible (this places the bait approximately 20 to 30 feet down). With the second rig we let out 50 feet of line, tie a styrofoam float to the line, then leave out an additional 40 to 50 feet of line. With the third rig we leave out 80 feet of line, tie a float to the line, then leave out an additional 80 feet of line. With the fourth rig we leave out 100 feet of line, tie a float to the line, then leave out an additional 100 feet of line. This arrangement puts the bait at different depths, thus covering the full scope of the chum. In order to keep our bait down on days when the drift is exceptionally fast, we add a 4 to 6 ounce sinker. The sinker is attached by means of a rubber band so that it will fall off after a strike. Bob has come up with a unique way to prevent line from running off while the reel is in free spool with the clicker on. He loops the line through the clip hole on top of the reel and places a match stick through the loop formed by the line. When a shark strikes, the match stick breaks and the line is free to go out. If you prefer, use a line clip attached to your outrigger or some other part of the boat.

On the way to the shark grounds I keep the recorder going, hoping to locate a school of bluefish. If a school of blues is painted on the recorder, it pays to stop for a few minutes to jig a few of them for bait. There have been times when sharks were not taking our mackerel baits, but as soon as we would switch to bluefish, we would see action. There is an additional bonus to this practice: if no shark is caught, you always have bluefish to eat when you get home. The terminal end of the line consists of a double line with a wire leader connected to a Mustad #7699 hook. In the event we use larger baits such as whole bluefish or large mackerel, we switch to a double hook rig. This is simple enough to do: take a short leader hook and attach it to the existing rig by means of a haywire twist through the eye of the main hook.

With our chum working while Brian was fighting our first shark we had little time to wait for the telltale sound of a reel clicking. Once again we were at our battle stations—with one exception. Big Richie was going to be the main contender between man and fish. Box, once again, would use his expertise at setting the hook, but this time we knew that the fish on the other end was no mako. There was a bit of a struggle, but in no time Richie had a blue shark alongside the boat. Usually I tag these fish and let them go, but this time we wanted to see whether blue shark tastes much different from mako. I went down and gaffed it with the now properly adjusted gaff. There was some protest from the shark, but we soon had the tail rope on it. We then secured the shark to the swim platform. With a stern warning to everyone to leave the shark lashed to the platform until I was sure the fish was dead, I went to the bridge. This being a blue shark we were anxious to clean it and to cut steaks from it so as to prevent the fish from giving off an ammonia odor which emanates from a shark of this type if it is not cleaned quickly.

It was late and we prepared to leave. On the bridge I was starting the engine and checking our position when there was a loud cry from below. I was almost afraid to look. I took a deep breath and forced myself to look down. To my horror there was John with his arms between his knees and blood pouring onto the deck. I was prepared for the worst as I rushed down the ladder but to my relief, John's hand was not missing—just cut badly. No one had heeded my warning about leaving the shark on the platform, unfortunately. They had lifted the shark to the deck so as to gut it. It was after gutting the fish that they started to cut the steaks—and this is when John's hand came too close to the shark's mouth. Chomp! The shark closed its mouth on John's hand. It was a good thing that this was not a mako which has large teeth, but a small blue shark of about 100 pounds that had small, cat-like teeth. After John pulled his hand from the mouth, there were long cuts on the top and bottom of his hand. Can you imagine such a thing? A gutted shark still alive? Caution should be the watchword with all types of fishing. Bluefish, also, have been known to cause serious injuries to fishermen. If this tenacious fish bites down on anything, it is almost impossible to pry its mouth open again.

For most of my life, I have been fishing the west end of New York. The inlet I am most familiar with is Jones Inlet. It is important to choose a fishing area carefully on the South Shore because the area is analogous to a desert: flat, sandy bottom with little or no food for the fish. However, there are many oases and these places are where fish are found. Fish, particularly predators, travel from one oasis to another—the trick is to locate these roadways. When shark fishing one can choose a wreck to fish over or fish close to but most of the time drifting over structures and contours is best. By doing this, you cover a greater area and your chances of a hook-up are greatly improved. However, one advantage of anchoring over a wreck while waiting for a shark to bite is that you can do some bottom fishing; I do this frequently. The disadvantage is that when you hook a

shark someone must rush to the bow to release the anchor. Even when you release the anchor as quickly as possible, it may be too late. After the shark takes the bait he may swim toward your anchor line and once the line gets tangled with the anchor—Goodbye shark! If you do anchor remember to get your position into memory on your Loran or, if you have an old style Loran, record the position in your log. If you do not do this you may have one hell of a time finding your anchor again.

Where to fish? As you head south from Jones Inlet look at your 12326 chart. You will notice your first set of contour lines. These I will refer to as the 15 Fathom line (90 feet). This is the closest I usually fish for shark. Along these contour lines there are a few wrecks one can drift over or fish over. The Immaculate, 26801.8-43584.0, and the Eureka, 26772.1-43600.0, are examples. By the way, this area is around the old Acid Waters. When you get close to the contour lines that you wish to drift over, stop your boat for a couple of minutes to check the direction of your drift. Once that has been determined, proceed on a compass course so that when you do stop to fish, you will drift over the greatest number of contour lines. You may consider this area a bit close for shark fishing but one of the largest makos I have ever seen was caught over the Cholera Banks while we were bluefishing. This shark was cruising with its ominous mouth open and its dorsal fin creating a small wake while it surveyed the area for a snack of bluefish. It is true that you may be plagued by bluefish while fishing this close, but I have caught several sharks in this area. As you cruise further south your next contour line will be at 20 fathoms (120 feet). Here again, there are a couple of wrecks you can fish over: the Austin West, 26705.9-43515.9 and the Edna, 26705.8-43516.0. At this point one will be very close to the HA buoy; there are some people who just head to the HA and drift in that vicinity. They, too, come back with shark. I avoid this area, however, because I find it too flat and lacking in contour and structure. Now, if one heads west from this point, he will be in the vicinity of the Mud Hole and the Arundo Wreck. Father Neptune smiled upon me when I was last in this area. Going back to the HA and continuing an additional 10 miles east, one would be in the vicinity of the Virginia Wreck (Hurray for Captain Jay Porter!). Again, we can fish over the wreck or drift somewhat west of it where the structure is a little better. Personally, I feel the Virginia Wreck is a bit far for shark fishing, especially for a slower boat like mine (14K). However, these grounds have been very productive. You guys with the fast boats can continue further south to the 30 fathom line, but for me this is much too far for shark fishing. However, if I ever get that twin-screw diesel, you can bet I will give it a try!

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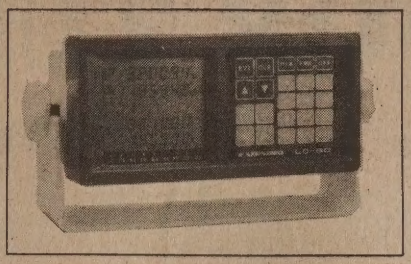

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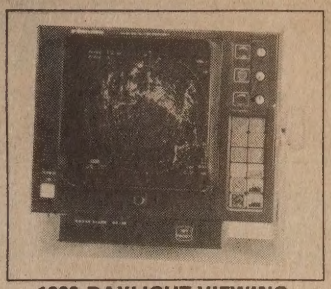

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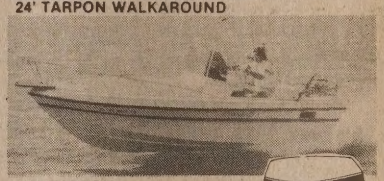

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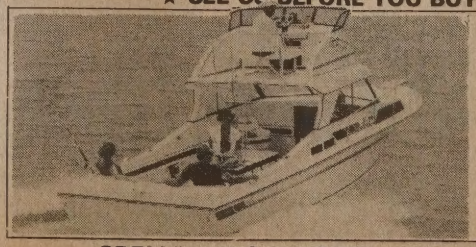

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RIG A DAISY CHAIN FOR TUNA

by Pete Barrett

If one lure is good, a string of lures should be even better.

As an observer in a south Jersey marlin tournament I had my first chance to see daisy chains attract not only billfish, but tuna as well. The captain cursed the tuna since the only point fish were marlin, but that daisy chain of soft plastic squids run off an outrigger got smashed several times by both marlin and tuna. Over the two days of the tournament, three white marlin were caught in part because of the attraction of the daisy chain.

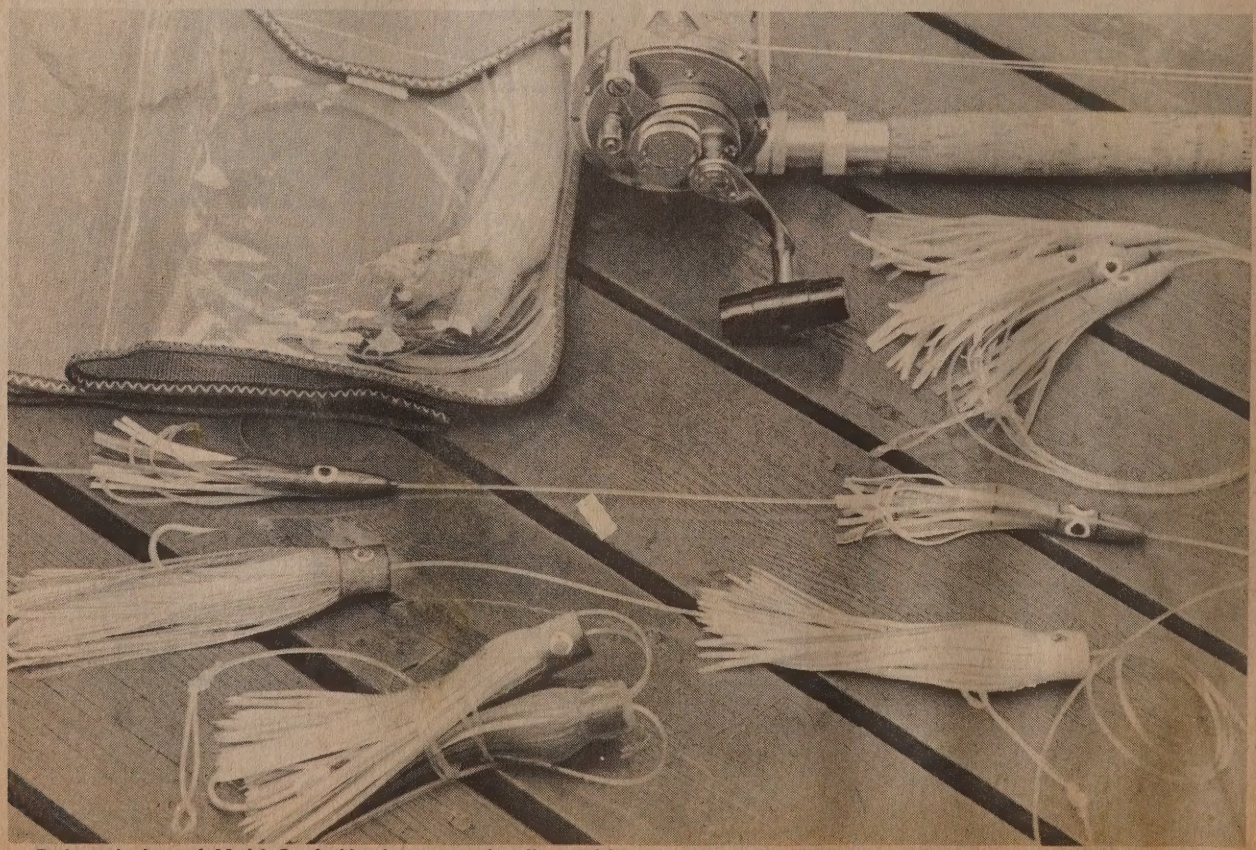
What impressed me the most, however, was the fact that the daisy chain had no hook. It was run back in the pattern simply to tease fish into striking. While this sounded good, there were at least eight fish that smashed the daisy, were missed because of no hook and did not go back and hit another lure. The chain attracted the fish all right, but it couldn't hook them.

A month later I met Frank Johnson of Mold Craft Lures at the annual fishing tackle trade show and he patiently showed me his own daisy chain of artificial squids. The string of squids snapped together to make a long 15 foot chain of lures and could be disassembled when the trolling trip was over for neat storage. Most important in my mind, there was a hook at the end of the chain.

Running a Mold Craft small squid chain on the third wake in my pattern quickly began to produce fish, especially bigeye tuna. Since most of my fishing is at the more northern canyon areas I don't see that many marlin in comparison to tuna, so we didn't set the world on fire with billfish; but on yellowfins, bigeyes and albacore it was a consistent producer of fish.

I've kept on using daisy chains over the last eight years since Frank showed me the basics of how to fish them. While each year seems to be different as far as lure preference, the artificial squid daisy chains have been responsible for a lot of tuna coming aboard the "Linda B." During the last three years when trolling action seemed to fizzle and everyone caught chunking fever, we still caught some tuna on the chains and a good number of bigeyes have fallen for the string of squids.

We've also expanded the concept of daisy chain squids to include standard artificial trolling lures. Stringing together lures like the Mold Craft Hookers, Sevenstrand Tuna Clones



Daisy chains of Mold Craft Hookers are deadly on bigeyes and yellowfins; Tuna Clones fool school bluefins, longfin albacore and yellowfins.

and Psychobeads, Murray Brothers Lite N Glows, Boone Sea Minnows and Smoker Lures have added to our take of canyon game fish. Most of my trolled bigeyes have been on the squid daisy chains in the last two years and there have been several days that the chains have been the only lure to catch fish, especially in the hot days of August when the tuna are holding deep.

Making a daisy chain is easy. Start with a 15 foot leader and attach a hook at the bottom with either a snell or a crimped offshore loop. Stoppers are needed along the leader to hold the lures or squids in place. Use a small egg sinker crimped to the leader with pliers or an aluminum or brass barrel crimp. Crimps come in two styles: the single crimp with one rounded hole and the double crimp with two holes looking much like a side by side shotgun barrel. The single crimps work best as stoppers, the double crimps are usually used to crimp two lines together after making an offshore end loop. We'll use double crimps for another variation of the daisy chain rigging in a few moments.

The choice of stopper depends on the lure itself. Lures with solid, hard plastic heads are stoppered with either crimps or egg sinkers. Soft bodied lures, like artificial squids, are best stopped with egg sinkers since the sinkers won't tear through the bodies like a small crimp might do.

After attaching the hook, slide the first sinker onto the leader then the first lure. Get the lure in position so the hook rides at the end of the lure. Crimp the egg sinker in place with pliers, applying only enough crimping pressure to grip the leader without crushing, chafing or pinching the leader excessively.

Slide the next egg sinker and lure onto the leader and crimp in place about 12 to 18 inches ahead of the bottom lure. Continue until you have several lures on the leader. The crimp always goes on the first, then the lure.

Use a crimped offshore loop or offshore loop/surgeon's knot combo to add a loop that will attach the daisy chain to the snap at the end of the fishing line. The daisy chain is now complete.

This simple chain is effective with both squids and artificial lures but does inhibit the action of squids somewhat. To add more action to squids I use a leader system that uses one long main leader and then adds several short leaders at even intervals along its length.

Again start with a 15 foot leader and attach the hook at the bottom end. Slide the first, or bottom, squid into position just as described above, directly onto the main leader so it covers the hook.

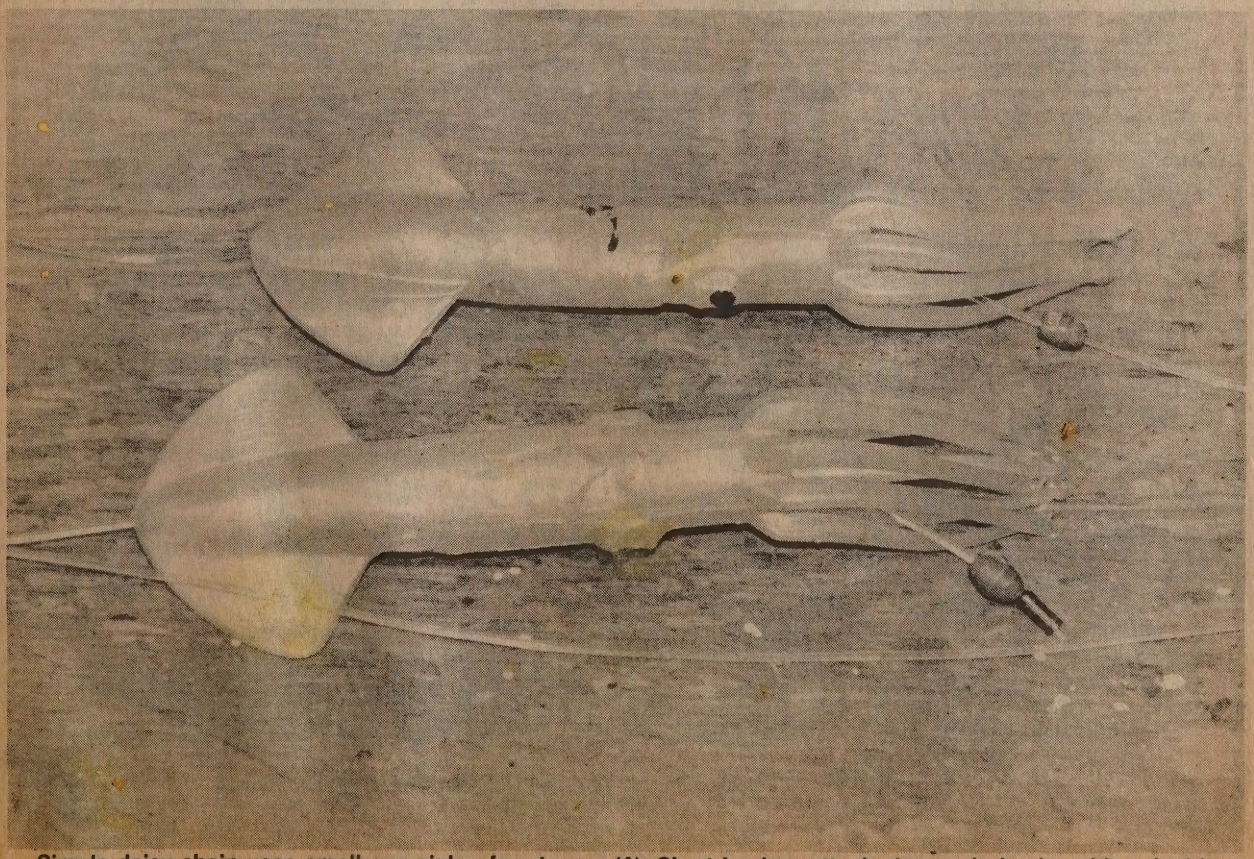
Cut several 6 to 12 inch lengths of leader monofilament of the same pound test as the main leader. Slide a double crimp down the leader to a position approximately 18 inches above the bottom squid. Insert one of the short leaders into the other open slot of the double crimp and crimp the short leader to the main leader.

Slide the squid into position on the short leader, followed by an egg sinker and a barrel crimp. Crimp the barrel crimp to the end of the short leader. The squid can now slide down the short leader and into place. The short leader allows the squid much more freedom of movement when trolling and makes the daisy chain look like live squid darting from side to side.

Complete the chain by attaching the remaining short leaders at regularly spaced intervals along the main leader. Add a loop at the top end of the leader and the daisy chain is all done.

Unlike single lures that run just below the surface and stream plumes of bubbles, squid daisy chains splatter and skip across the surface in the trolling pattern. To make them work effectively you may have to drop the trolling speed slightly. Too fast a speed makes the squid daisy chain jump too much and can actually cause the squids to tear apart from excessive water pressure. Multiple lures rigged on a daisy chain usually need no adjustment to your regular trolling speed.

Daisy chains are one of the most productive lures in my offshore lure box and I rarely put out a spread of lures that does not include at least one multiple lure chain. They have been so productive I just can't fish without them.



Simple daisy chain uses small egg sinker for stopper (A). Short leaders attached to main leader with a double crimp (B) get more action. Single crimp and egg sinker at (C) keep squid in place.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

1 THE GREAT WHITE SHARK DERIVES ITS COMMON NAME FROM THE COLOR OF ITS UNDERSIDE. ITS BACK MAY BE...

SLATE BLUE ☐
LEAD GRAY ☐
DARK BROWN ☐
LIGHT PURPLE ☐

2 THE FLUKE'S DARK SIDE HAS 12-15 SMALL LIGHT EDGED DARK SPOTS. WHAT IS UNUSUAL ABOUT SOME OF THEM ?

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

BY FRED GUARDINEER

3 IN SOME AREAS THIS POPULAR PANFISH IS KNOWN AS A *SHELLCRACKER*. MOST ANGLERS CALL HIM A

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4 THE "SOFT-SHELLED CRABS" AND "SHEAR CRABS" USED AS BAIT FOR FRESH-WATER BASS ARE REALLY---

5 THE KINGFISH OR NORTHERN WHITING IS OFTEN CAUGHT IN SHALLOW WATER ALONG THE BEACHES.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

6 THIS GADGET MAY BE CONSIDERED A DRAG BY LANDLUBBERS BUT DEEP SEA FISHERMEN OFTEN DEPEND ON ONE FOR SAFETY. IT'S A---

1 - SLATE BLUE OR LEAD GRAY. 2 - FIVE ARE SO ARRANGED AS TO OUTLINE TWO TRIANGLES WITH A COMMON APEX ON THE LATERAL LINE. 3-BLUEGILL. 4-CRAYFISH. 5 - TRUE. 6 - SEA ANCHOR-A FUNNEL SHAPED PIECE OF HEAVY CANVAS THAT HOLDS A DRIFTING BOAT'S BOW INTO THE WIND IN A HEAVY ROUGH SEA.

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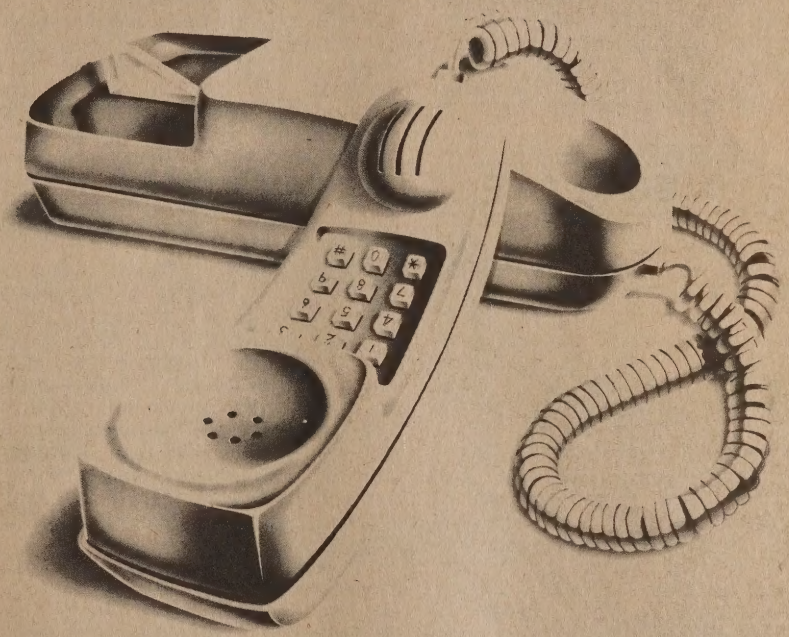

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Reports from the East End continue to show steady action with offshore species, with giant tuna, blue and white marlin, school tuna and shark satisfying the needs of the offshore angler. Inshore, while heavy tides slowed catches on the weekend in some cases, blues, bass, fluke and porgies are a reliable catch. Flounder have made an impressive showing in Shinnecock Bay. Triggerfish have come into the picture and weakfish are either feast or famine.

MONTAUK

Impressive catches were made by anglers berthed at **Star Island Yacht Club** last week. Several mako sharks were brought in including the 101 lb. mako caught by Fred David on "Shirley May"; 129 lb. by Dennis Knapp on "Princess Jan"; three makos from 70 to 217 lbs. on the "Gemini" by Steve Chimblo. Steve also brought a 204 lb. thresher back to the dock. Chuck Cogswell also weighed many tuna for marina customers? yellowfin of 115 for Rich Scalice on "Just E Nuff"; giant bluefin of 496 lbs. caught by Richard Bonano on "No Interest"; 190 lb. bigeye caught by Bert Goodman on the "Downtime" on a Canyon overnight trip; 101 lb. bigeye caught by Bill Waldorff on "A-1A." Arthur Fiegenbaum located a 184 lb. allison tuna fishing on "Second Wave"; Ray Nigro returned with three school size yellowfin on "Blue Thunder." Dr. Lewis Williams, fishing on his boat "Sal Mar," returned with a 68 lb. white marlin.

The South Norwalk Boat Club of Connecticut held its annual Shark Tournament at **Star Island Yacht Club** on Friday and Saturday, enjoying good sharking. Catches on Friday included a 422 tiger shark by Bill Schmidt on "Chris-Gin"; 308 lb. blue shark on "Just E-Nuff" by Rich Scalise; 270 lb. mako on "Short Circuit" by Joe Kondub and 162 lb. mako by Jim Ferrone on "Jim-Lor." Saturday's shark catches included Jim Milbauer's 289 lb. blue shark on "Windy"; 173 lb. blue shark by Joe Romano on "Joe-El"; mako of 170 on "Fish Ka Bob" by Bob Kreager; Andy Dominick with a 135 lb. mako on "Perigee High"; and a white marlin of 76 lbs. plus a small mako on the "Tigra II."

Jim Grubb tried chunking at the Butterfish Hole on Saturday and finding no takers, ended up trolling a 60 lb. bluefin tuna. Doug MacVittie was aboard the "My Toy II" for this trip.

Captain Steven Forsberg reported a pick up in cod on the weekend's **Viking Star's** trips to Cox's Ledge. On Friday high hook was 14 cod, pool fish 34 lbs. On Saturday, while fishing was all right for a very large crowd, with high hook 12 cod, pool fish 40 lbs. On Sunday, with even better fishing, high hook was 18, pool fish weighed 34 lbs. Captain Paul Forsberg said that while plenty of bluefish are entrenched in waters off Block Island and Cartwright, they seemed to develop lockjaw after dark. Despite this, one angler did manage 19 blues on Saturday's trip. Fluking remains very good on the **Starlight.**

Anglers on the **Little Bear** enjoyed some good days with porgies last week with picky fishing on the weekend. All porgies are of the medium and large variety, but require a lot of searching and re-anchoring on the captain's part. Captain Dusty Dorzbacher reported high hook on Sunday was 51 scup caught by Neil Nixon of New Jersey, an expert angler.

Captain John DeMaio located a good school of weakfish last Tuesday, catching 25 which averaged 8 lbs., although a couple of 12 lbers. were put aboard the **Vivienne** as well. Wednesday afternoon 11 weaks were jigged. Friday's trip for fluke located 50 at the North Rips, average weight 2 to 3 lbs. On Sunday Capt. DeMaio chunked and baited yellowfin tuna, successfully boating fish of 103 and 115 lbs., and losing another after a hook-up.

"A great weekend" declared June at **Montauk Marine Basin.** Catches included a giant tuna of 686 lbs. on Dr. Berger's "Tranquilizer"; yellowfin and albacore on the **Kellyboat**; mako shark of 110 lbs. on "Freedom" with Capt. Steve DeMarco; a dozen striped bass, two of which weighed 32 and 36 lbs. on the **Bluefin IV**, with 70 bluefish by Capt. Michael Potts. Loads of blues on the **Montauk** caught off the Point and finally a doormat fluke of 9½ lbs. by Dr. Duker on "Duke III."

Captain Greg Beacher, of the charter boat **Dawn**, reported a giant bluefin which weighed 664 lbs. caught on Sunday's charter. Jonathan Fries, whose father is president of the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club, was the angler—recording his first giant tuna.

"Excellent fluking" said Henry Uihlein with anglers on craft rented from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** returning with fine catches. Eighteen fluke, top weight 7 lbs. were brought in by a group from New York City that included Ron Davis, John Proto, Paul Murrey, Mike Blaue, Larry and Ray Fortonado and Brian Hickey. This group fished between Shagwong Point and the Lighthouse. Another good catch was made by Bob Ruth fishing at North Rips. Henry has also seen loads of bluefish, most caught by anglers using small diamond jigs, or trolling at the Lighthouse.

Plenty of inshore and offshore action on charter boats berthed at **Captains Cove Marina.** Inshore, bluefishing is excellent particularly at Cartwright and south of Block Island. Striped bass and weakfish were caught early in the week. Fluking is very good for anglers who put in their time. Offshore Marina based boats are locating yellowfin and albacore tuna with a variety of sharks. Catches include a 350 lb. mako on the "Baracuda"; **Mistress Too**, "Venture," "Hurry-up," **Ebb Tide, Windy** and **My Mate** with 2 to 8 tuna per trip. Sharks were reported on the Three Start, **Surfmaster II, My Mate** and **Mako Express.** Captain Joe McBride located a white marlin on a charter with a group from the Mid Town South Precinct. While the trip was arranged by Larry De Sandis, John Grose who had never been offshore before was on the rod when the fish struck. The marlin weighed 80 lbs., measured 78 inches and will be mounted.

Captain Robbie Aaronson reports excellent school tuna catches 25 miles south of the Point, with plenty of mako shark at the "fingers." The charter boat **Orion** had catches of at least a half dozen tuna per trip, including yellowfin to 100 lbs., albacore to 50 lbs. and some school bluefins of 25-50 lbs. Inshore, plenty of blues are at the Point.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** has has good action with yellowfin and albacore, as well as shark. Charter groups during the weekend include John Osterholm who caught tuna. On Saturday while sharking with Lenny Savino a great white shark over 20 feet long came into the slick west of the Butterfish Hole. The fish hung around long enough to be admired and photographed before it headed off in the direction of a small boat. Captain Lewis did not try to hook up this fish. On Sunday, a group led by Bill Korszloski returned with a mako of 160 lbs., released some blue and brown shark.

TJ reported a variety of species, inshore and offshore, brought in to **Gone Fishing Marina** during the past week. Al Kratz, fishing on Dave Heschle's "Dr. Rocket" landed a 225 lb. mako. Maurice Curtis returned with several bushels of porgies, ranging to 2 lbs. in weight, caught on the marina based charter boat **Caprice** with Capt. Bob Storc. In general, inshore action picked up on the weekend, with nice catches of porgies seen. One humpback which weighed exactly 4.5 ounces, caught by Kris on "Sharron-G" will be submitted for an IGFA all tackle scup record. Fluke remain good at North Rips and Midway, with a re-appearance at Ditch Plains on the south side. On Sunday morning Frank Savage caught 25 fluke, top weight 6 lbs. fishing the morning tide. Earl, Phil and John accounted for 40 fluke in the 2-3 lb. range. Those in search of flounder

High Tide Tables

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SAT.	8:20	8:30	9:10	9:30	9:10	9:15	10:00	10:05	12:05	12:30	11:50	11:55	8:10	8:30	7/25
SUN.	9:00	9:05	9:50	10:05	9:45	9:50	10:40	10:40	12:30	1:00	—	12:30	8:55	9:10	7/26
MON.	9:40	9:40	10:25	10:40	10:25	10:25	11:15	11:20	12:50	1:15	12:35	1:05	9:30	9:45	7/27
TUES.	10:15	10:15	11:00	11:15	11:05	11:00	11:50	11:55	1:10	1:30	1:10	1:40	10:15	10:35	7/28
WED.	10:55	10:50	11:40	11:50	11:40	11:30	—	12:30	1:40	2:00	1:50	2:15	10:55	11:05	7/29
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SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

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East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

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George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/23	5:44	8:28
FRI. 7/24	5:45	8:27
SAT. 7/25	5:46	8:26
SUN. 7/26	5:47	8:25
MON. 7/27	5:48	8:24
TUE. 7/28	5:49	8:23
WED. 7/29	5:50	8:22

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/23	3:10AM	7:25PM
FRI. 7/24	4:05AM	8:05PM
SAT. 7/25	5:05AM	8:40PM
SUN. 7/26	6:10AM	9:05PM
MON. 7/27	7:10AM	9:30PM
TUE. 7/28	8:15AM	9:55PM
WED. 7/29	9:15AM	10:15PM

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7/25	8/2	8/ 9	8/16

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:45	**9:50**	4:00	**10:15**
Fri.	4:30	**10:40**	4:50	**11:05**
Sat.	5:20	**11:25**	5:35	**11:45**
Sun.	6:00	—	6:25	**12:15**
Mon.	6:50	**12:35**	7:20	**1:05**
Tues.	7:35	**1:25**	8:05	**1:50**
Wed.	8:25	**2:15**	8:50	**2:35**
Thurs.	9:10	**3:00**	9:35	**3:20**

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Offshore, plenty of cod were located at Cox's Ledge; the crew of the Compromise returned to **Gone Fishing** with a catch of 44, top weight 25 lbs. A ramp customer, Louis Pasquale, fishing with friends Danny and Mike, caught a 110 lb. mako, releasing some duskies. Jerry Dowling and Larry Miller put a 165 lb. yellowfin and 320 lb. blue shark aboard the Nina. TJ spoke of plenty of albacore and yellowfin trolled South of the Point. Anglers on the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** reporting longfin tuna along with shark action fishing with Capt. Bill Ricca. A 270 lb. bluefin was caught by Kenny and George on the "Renegade."

Captain Richie Rade enjoyed good action with porgies during the week with some sea bass, blackfish and fluke for anglers on the **Marlin IV.** For some reason, though, porgies were a bit touchy on the weekend. Best action was at Gardiner's. Friday night's bluefish trip saw a catch of 80 blues for 10 anglers, with most fish in the 10 lb. range, a few tackle busters of 15 or so pounds.

Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr. and Capt. Paul Lahullier report one to four tuna per trip (except Saturday) on **Pronto Charters**, a combination of longfin albacore and yellowfin. Charters this week included trips arranged by Joe Citelli of New Rochelle, Brant Homby of Pennsylvania, Gary Brouse and Jay Chaftain.

A blue marlin which weighed 572 lbs. on the scale at Offshore Sports Marina was caught east of the Fishtails Thursday morning. According to Vinnie Carillo, owner of the marina and the boat "Hilva," the marlin took a 35 lb. yellowfin tuna which wa live lined. Artie Jost fought the fish on 130 lb. tackle, total time from hook-up to tail roping was exactly one hour.

Captain Jim Flowers reported shark and tuna catching on the weekend's charters on the **Mary-A.** On Friday, fishing southeast of the point with the Asuma party, a brown shark estimaed at 130 lbs. was released, but a 57 lb mako was brought back to be mounted. Saturday's trip with Mr. Catalano resulted in four trolled albacore, top weight 57 lbs. On Sunday, the Tracy party enjoyed blue shark over 250 lbs. in weight.

It was ladie's day on the **Surfmaster II** last Monday, when Carleen Neers and Melissa Mercogliano, along with Capt. Eddie (usually on the "Three Star") and his mate Bobby encountered a couple of tuna trolling to the shark grounds. The women fought brown and blue sharks, and had a br brief encounter with a mako. Captain Tom Federico had shark action on the weekend, 5 brown shark, 3 blue shark all released, with Mike Stamand, Steve Cunningham, Steve Hicks, Dave Tilley, Mark Shottinger and Dave Hosleuk on Friday. Saturday's trip with Sal Lantiere, Chris Kulakowski, Bobby and Rob DePetrie and

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Chris Sztorc and his dad, Captain Bob Sztorc, of the charter boat "Caprice," took these bass of 38 and 39 lbs. at Great Eastern back on June 10th. Photo courtesy of Gone Fishing Marina in Montauk.

Kenny Cavanaugh trolled albacore, then caugh 5 brown shark, a mako and two blue sharks. One blue shark, measuring 15 feet, weighed 314 lbs. Its head will make an impressive mount.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charter boat **Julie III** had a very good porgy catch on Sunday. Fishing with a group headed by R. Marshall, 289 porgies ranging in weight from 1 to 3½ lbs., as well as a dozen sea bass, some blues and fluke were caught. All fishing took place at the Pocketbook and Montauk's south side.

SOUTH FORK

Long Wharf Pier is now the scene of heavy action with small snappers, as well as providing some shots at porgies. Porgies can also be found at the Sag Harbor Bridge, or off Cedar Point in the Peconics according to George Pharaoh at **Bayview Marine and Tackle.** Rental skiffs returned with fair catches of porgies from the latter spot during the week. Plenty of cocktail blues have apparently decided to make Jessup's their home. Flukers are finding an increasing amount of fluke at the Ruins at Gardiner's.

Captain Artie Lach reports red hot fluking at Gardiner's the past week on the **Wilhelric II**. Regular Jackie Gleason and two buddies teamed up for 25 keepers on Wednesday's trip. Doc Clyne took pool honors with a fluke of almost 5 lbs. Tuesday's trip was also very good. The porgy scene has shown great improvement, with decent catches made last week. One couple counted 65 porgies in their bucket. Captain Lach noted plenty of sea bass around, especially last Thursday, when about three dozen were picked up at one spot alone. Scup are biting better each day, with "amtrec's Hole" finally holding a fair amount of these scrappy fish.

Although sloppy seas offshore prevailed on part of the weekend, Paul Andrews did land a 90 lb. white marlin. Thom Speckenback heard reports of increasing numbers of trigger fish from Heady Creek to Shinnecock Inlet, with decent porgy catches also at Heady Creek. Anglers have stopped in at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, with news of consistent fluke catches at Gardiner's and Contellation Rock, with many fish from 4 to 8 lbs. caught during the past two weeks. Try Cherry Harbor for porgies. Peconic Bay and the Rips at Gardiner's are good bets for blues.

Captain Ron Woodward, whose charter boat **Goshawk**, is berthed at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** reported good shark action on the weekend, fishing in 140 feet of water southeast of Moriches Inlet. On Saturday's charter with Greg Rutchik, Andy Glitter and Peter Kabckrell tagged a mako, estimated at 50 lbs. w which already had been tagged previously, received another tag and was released. A 100 lb. mako was kept. On Friday, with Vinnie Scele, a 135 lb. brown shark was tagged and released. A 180 lb. bigeye tuna was caught on the marina based boat "Impetuous" about 40 miles offshore, by Myron Levine and his son Joshua. Early last week Pete Schroeder, fishing with Dee and Joe Eisinger trolled two school tuna. Sherri reported good tuna action all week on marina boats.

Dave Feldman reported plenty of bluefish all over Shinnecock Bay, through the Inlet and on into the Ocean. Roger Darrow found incoming tide the best for fluke, since he has been working the East Channel, between buoys 5 and 7, returning to **Mariners Cove Marina** with a half dozen or so keepers on each trip, with plenty of shorts noted. On Sunday afternoon, Artie and Dottie drifted the South Channel between the Inlet and Ponquogue Bridge, for a catch of 18 fluke on the "Kristin." "Commodore" Uncle Rock reported that Doug Sabo christened his new Wellcraft, named "Hooked on U" in the proper manner on its first trip, returning with a 48 lb. white marlin. The fish was hooked in 150 feet of water.

A 60 lb. white marlin, caught by Joseph Muatore on the "Betty 'n Me" while fishing out of Fire Island Inlet near the Virginia Wreck early last week, was somehow weighed at **Altenkirch & Son.** Frank Dianna reportedly won the Shinnecock Malrin and Tuna Club's tournament with a bigeye tuna weighing about 180 lbs., caught on the "Wanderer." Hank Altenkirch told us canal fishing remains steady, with plenty of fluke action, with a great percentage of shorts and blues hitting just as the locks open, or are closing.

Al Flexer fished only 2½ hrs. on Thursday near the Ponquogue Bridge, but managed 4 keepers measuring to 18½ inches out of 20 fluke caught. On Saturday Ruby and Johann Schrier of Suffern, NY used **Al Feather's Jigs** for 8 fluke, caught in Shinnecock Bay.

Larry Molnar, fishing with Richard and Todd Christman on the "Flipper III," won the Bartender's Tournament with a 172 lb. mako, caught the second day of the tournament at 41 fathoms. Lanny noted a variety of offshore species brought into **Molnar's Landing** during the week: Bob Scattergood with a 155 lb. mako on the "Scatt III"; Bob Brech and his crew with a small mako caught in 120 feet of water on the "Sick Days"; Rick Bronstein with three yellowfin tuna to 70 lbs. on "Fishtales"; Ken Berkhert

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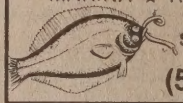

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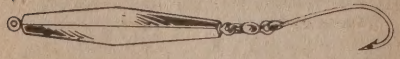

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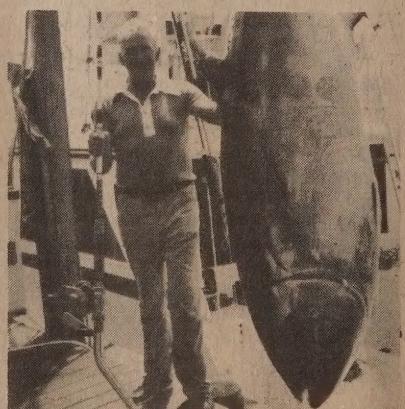

Zig Anderson of Cedar Graphics bested this 596 lb. giant bluefin aboard the "Captain Liver" on 6-29-87. The big horse mackerel was caught a mere 10 miles south of Shinnecock Inlet.

and Charlie Johnson with four yellowfin on "Out of line." While mako were as deep at 40 fathoms, so were bluefish. However, Jimmy Delano fishing with Beth Miro and Karen Brohm went only to the sea buoy where plenty of blues, with large green bonito were trolled on white tubes on "Peace of Mind." Mike Foreman, caught his white marlin on a live bluefish hung from a kite which was flown over his chum slick. Plenty of life was noted as close as 140 feet of water, with whales and porpoises feeding among tuna and marlin. A thresher which weighed 353 lbs. at Jackson's Marina was also brought in on the weekend.

Inshore, Lanny reports a better keeper ratio of fluke, catch 5 to keep 1, with good action near the Ponquogue Bridge. Martin Weitzman had a by-catch of a bluefish and also a 34 inch striper which fancied his drifted fluke baits. Flounder catches have been "flattastic" with an apparent very late spring run, many anglers showing off catches of 40 to 50 per boat of very large flatties ranging from 1½ lbs. to over 3 on the scale. Pat Pelligreno fished just in front of **Molnar's Landing** for 30 flounder. Ed Bracht filled the fish well of the "Moosa II" with a catch flounder, topped off with a few fluke.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Tuna, sharks and blues kept boatmen busy outside both inlets this week. Still plenty of yellowfins suffering from closed-mouth disease, but some fish are being trolled. White marlin also put in an appearance this week with several of the billfish returned through Moriches Inlet. Inside the bays, fluke fishing continues to be plagued by shorts. They are however, making for plenty of action and there are some decent fish mixing in. Plenty of small snappers around. You might try livelining some of them for fluke in both bays and inlets.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich spoke of good action despite lots of shorts. One out of every 4 or 5 fluke is a keeper most days. On Sunday, Jimmy DeVita and friends accounted for a pile of fluke of which 15 were keepers. Some 3-4 pound fluke taken from the Elbow area over the weekend. Harts

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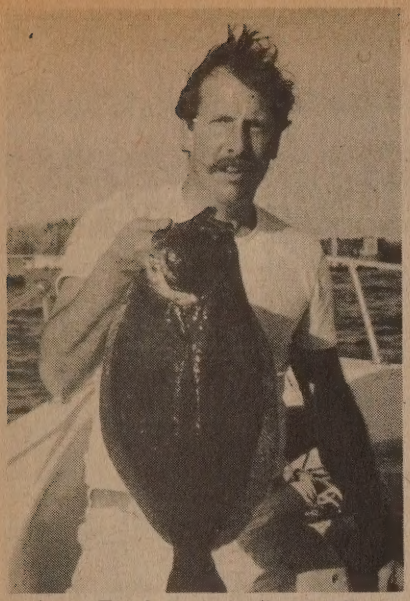
Phil Sepulveda at **L&M Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** spoke of lots of shorts and some keepers being taken between buoys 38 and 39 and in Harts Cove. Squid and sandeel combos working best for most customers. Bring live killies if you prefer them. On Friday, Lynn Fernandez and friends accounted for 30 fluke to 3½ pounds. On Saturday, Chris Herbst and friends accounted for 35 fluke.

Capt. Tony Rizzo of the **Moriches** based charter boat **Nino** fished a Wednesday-Thursday overnight shark trip for Rick Romaine. Ten brown sharks, a 100 pound mako and a huge blue shark were taken. Only the mako was kept. On Friday, Ken Roy and Mark Carney put away 11 yellowfins to 130 pounds. The skipper fished the 41 Fathom line and said the bigger tuna fell for Green Machines fished behind birds. Several of the yellowfins were released. On Saturday, only one yellowfin was trolled from the same area. On Sunday, a party headed by Marilyn Oberthorn enjoyed a mixed bag of fluke and blues.

Capt. Tom Cashman of the **Moriches** charter boat **Rogue** found a small mako for Bruce Barnes on Wed-



Larry Tresham and a fine 6.2 lb. fluke taken in the State Channel near the Lindenhurst Cut. Subscriber photo.

nesday. On Thursday, Liz Laretto bested an 85 pound mako. Tom knew of 3 marlin and yellowfin taken in 180 feet of water southeast of Shinnecock.

Capt. Russ Hagios of the charter boat **Shaman** enjoyed some fine mako action over Wednesday and Thursday in the Fingers southeast of Moriches. Three makos to 90 pounds were boated and a half dozen others were dropped. One of the lost fish was estimated at around 300 pounds. Russ noted that they also took some blues in the 12 to 20 pound range on the shark grounds. Sharing in the action was the party headed by Tony Disimile.

Capt. Russ also reported on a charter for G. Pugni and Son Construction aboard the **Alma** on Sunday. The group totaled approximately 100 fluke of which 9 were keepers. Fish were taken at Buoy 29 and north of the Elbow with most of the keepers in the 2 pound class. A 2½ pound flounder took pool honors.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

According to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, the local docks are well stocked with small snappers along with quite a few short fluke. An occasional keeper is mixed in. Crabbing remains very worthwhile on the docks. On the weekend, Ken Yerves, Capt. Sandbar and Johnny G treked to Moriches where they put away a lot of short fluke but also a couple of 3 pounders and a 5½ pounder. They topped off their catch with a bunch of blues to 5 pounds taken trolling outside the inlet. On Friday, John Saladino, Bill Dercan and Don

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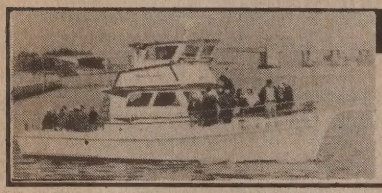

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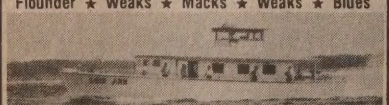

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Small blues spread throughout the bay with bigger fish outside the inlet for trollers and chummers according to Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. Lots of short fluke around with an occasional decent one. Best on the last of the flood. Dave knew of a couple of weaks taken from the inlet area on live bait. He joined Larry Schaefer and his two sons for a stab at Montauk fluking on Sunday. The group returned with 30 keepers taken at North Rips. Good crabbing in Great River and lots of small snappers at the West Sayville dock. Six year old Crystal Canale landed a dozen snappers on her first try.

Peter Jackits continued his run of good luck aboard his new 'Rainbow Runner III'. On Saturday, fishing 155 degrees in 155 feet of water out of Fire Island, he put Charlie Prott onto a 365 pound mako. The big shark was taken on 30 pound class stand-up tackle and weighed at Frank and Dick's Bait Station in the State Channel. Also taken was a 40 pound mako and a 350 pound dusky. Both of these fish were tagged and released. Rounding out the crew were Mike Jackits and Steve Iannella.

From **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**, Jim Romano said that most of his customers have been emphasizing the number of short fluke around. One guy told of boating nearly 100 fish over a two day span and not finding a keeper. On Friday, Joey Giordano boated 20 cocktail blues at the inlet. On Sunday, George Huggler put a dozen 5-9 pound blues aboard his 'Quiet Moment II' while trolling in 50 feet of water southeast of the inlet. Local docks have lots of small snappers and crabbing remains good.

Curt Delano at **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** checked over a catch of 12 fluke to 4¼ pounds made east of the R.M. Bridge by William Moppie and his son John on Saturday. All were taken on live killies. Lots of small blues in the vicinity of the R.M. Bridge with an occasional larger fish. Curt himself had a 12 pounder there on Saturday. Also on Saturday, Tim Carter and friends worked the bay and put away 8 blues from 4 to 7 pounds. Same R.M. Bridge continues to produce good numbers of bass. Most are under the 33" minimum size limit. Plenty of snappers and crabs at docks in the area and flounder continue to be picked from the Sore Thumb Pocket on bloodworms.

Best bet for fluke is from the bridge to the inlet on the last of the flood ac-

cording to Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. Blues are in the vicinity of the Lighthouse on plugs and umbrella rigs in the early morning and evening hours. Some big blues taken this week at the inlet early and late in the day on jigs and umbrellas. Blues to 14 pounds in 60 feet of water south of the Lighthouse with a few bonito mixed in. Yellowfin tuna are on the 30 fathom line south of Shinnecock with some white marlin mixed in. A few yellowfins also reported in the Compass Rose. During the week, Smokey joined Mike and Roy for a shot at the Ocean Reef. The three sharpies put away 125 sea bass to 3½ pounds. Another customer worked the reef on Saturday and put away 45 sea bass. Crabs and small snappers in good supply at all the local docks.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** called the fluking very good from Monday through Friday. Thursday was particularly good with over 100 keepers taken and fares averaging 15 to 30 shorts. Sunday afternoon saw 15 to 20 shorts and 1-2 keepers per fare taken though most of the weekend was a much tougher pick. A few blues mixing with the fluke on occasion. Last of the flood and the first of the ebb producing the best results by far.

Bobby Sprenger over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** weighed several nice fluke over the weekend. Manny Velez clicked with a 7.4 pounder on Saturday fishing aboard the private boat 'Passing Wind'. The boat is owned by Bill Kessingel. Francie Weiss decked a 5.8 pound fluke aboard the Miss Captree on Sunday. Also on Sunday, Bob Feldman had a 5.7 pounder aboard the Capt. Dan. Bluefishing was excellent all weekend with Sunday night's trip a slaughter according to Bobby. Lots of school bass being trolled and chummed in the area. On the Fisherman's Walk, a lot of small snappers and also a fair number of fluke though most are shorts.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** has overcome a bout with a burst appendix and should be back at the helm by the weekend. Special thanks from Charlie to all of those who helped keep things going while he was hospitalized. Charlie asked that we remind customers that beginning this Sunday and continuing through Thursday, night bluefish trips will depart at 6PM and return at 1AM. Full night trips will continue to be the rule on Friday and Saturday. Bluefishing has been very good with the exception of Saturday night due to tough conditions—big crowd, wind and a rough ocean. Fluking providing plenty of action on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb with Sunday's PM trip producing 25 to 30 keepers for a small crowd at the Inlet.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** said that bluefishing has been holding up well with plenty of blues settled into local waters. Catches range anywhere from 150 to 500 blues per night with a mixture of 5-6 and 10-12 pound fish. Of the fluking, lots of shorts around but enough keepers to keep things interesting. Sunday afternoon saw about 70 keepers taken along with loads of shorts.

Still decent flounder fishing according to the report filed by the **Babylon** open/charter boat **Pooka VI**. On Wednesday's trip, Bob Harvey was hi-hook with 33 flounder. The flatties are still in the Sore Thumb Pocket.

George Stevenson at **Babylon Fishing Station** reported a 220 pound bigeye taken at the Dip Sunday by Tom Ramsey. It was caught aboard Howie Lemon's 'Rockaway' which accounted for last week's 870 pound blue marlin. On Saturday, Schuyler Watts treked south of Shinnecock where he put his wife Mary into a 116 pound yellowfin aboard their boat 'My Mary'. Same day, Steve Bartasak and John Barton with their wives put a 192 pound mako along with a smaller fish aboard their Anne-M. Chico, Terry, Richie, Billy and Jimbo put a 160 pound mako aboard the 'Ship of Fools'. They fished just NW of the Compass Rose in 145 feet of water. Lots of short fluke around with a few in the 3 to 4 pound range being picked here and there. Snappers are in, but small.

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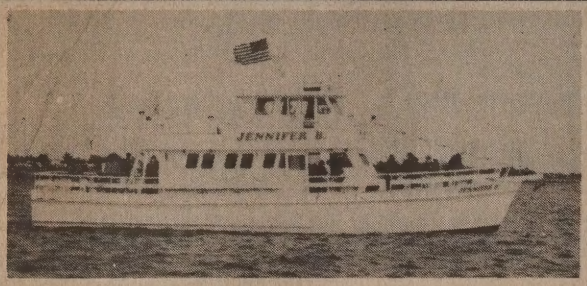

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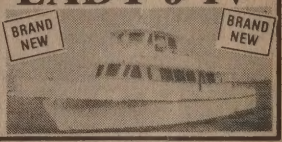

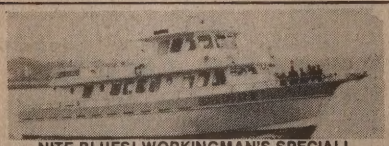

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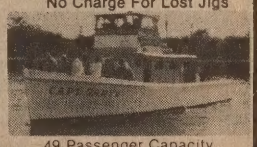

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Shop in **Babylon** reminded that next weekend is targeted for the popular Babylon Tuna Club's Tuna, Marlin and Shark Tourney. A few boats spent this past weekend gearing up for the affair. The Babylon charter boat Ida Jean worked the west wall on Friday/Saturday and put away bigeyes of 125 for Kevin Duncan and 140 pounds for Dave Yacono. The 'Reel Hooker' managed a 125 pound bigeye also. On Friday, the Babylon charter boat Cindy Ann took tigers of 160 and 380 and topped off the day with a 210 pound mako. During the week, the 'Happy Hooker' returned with a 204 pound yellowfin while the 'Capt. Hook' accounted for 3 brown sharks to 150 pounds and a 208 pound mako. Their sharking was done southeast of the inlet in 170 feet of water. Jim Carman put an 80 pound mako aboard the Tork I on Saturday while J. Meditz bested a 110 pound mako on Sunday. Inside the bay, Shawn Crowley and Ben Mahler accounted for 7 keeper fluke and 11 blues.

The open boat **Miss Babylon** skippered by Ralph Green reported an improvement in the fluking with the best action on the top of the flood. Ralph has been working from the lighthouse

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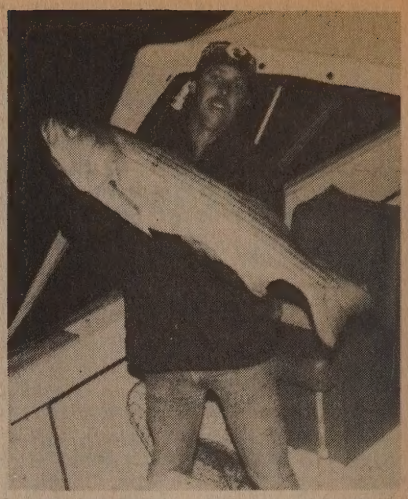

Ron Richardson livelined this 25 lb. striper in Fire Island Inlet aboard the boat, "Live Line." Photo courtesy of Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle.

to the inlet. On Wednesday, Richie D'Atore nailed a 5 pound fluke while John Casey had 6 keepers to 3 pounds.

Fisherman Field Editor John Raguso finished strong in the small boat division of the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club's tourney. His boat, Mar Cee Jay, took first place in the small boat division, largely due to the 71 pound yellowfin tuna taken by angler Mike Townsend. The fish hit a bird in the vicinity of the Linda wreck. John relayed word that Bob Sgarlato hooked 3 white marlin and landed two which earned him top spot in the marlin division. Tommy Vezo, on his boat 'Impressions' trolled birds north of the Virginia to take a trio of yellowfins. Mike Clancey joined Frank Randolfi on his boat 'UBI' for a Saturday night trip to the Dip. Seven yellowfin tuna responded to their chunking efforts. Jim Coane was drifting for shark west of the Virginia when a 135 pound bluefin tuna interrupted the proceedings. Jim's boat is the 'Magic Tour'.

Penny Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** reported small blues at the inlet and in the State Channel with larger blues popping up on occasion. Plenty of short fluke in the bay and inlet with some bigger fish reported in the ocean near the pound nets. Flounder still being picked at the Sore Thumb. On Tuesday evening Michael Kopacz used jigs to put 12 blues up to 6 pounds into the box of his Maltese Falcon. This was at the inlet. On Sunday, Hank Young worked 60 feet of water southeast of the inlet to take 30 blues to 15 pounds. Also on Sunday, Charlie Dozier worked Fox Creek to the tune of 16 fluke. Seven were keepers and taken on squid and killie combos. A fair number of sharks reported south of the Yankee and near the Virginia Wreck. A few yellowfins trolled southeast of the HA Buoy. Plenty of snappers and crabs at the local docks

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From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reported makos of 220 and 120 pounds for Jack Bolger and his crew aboard 'Here We Are'. They fished south of the Oregon on Saturday. Same day, the Costa family put 9 keeper fluke into their 'Trio II' in Steamboat Channel. Rich Koster, Skip Anderson and Al Milligan aboard Al's 'Rascal' went to 110 feet of water southeast of the inlet where they put away a boxful of big blues and a few bonito. Crabs and small snappers in good supply at all the local docks.

Recently returned from a stint on the Bow River, where he enjoyed constant action with rainbow and brown trout in the 16 to 24 inch range, Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** filled us in on some local news. On Sunday, Ted Orvieto put a pair of makos of 100 and 110 pounds aboard his 'Blackjack II'. He fished southeast in 160 feet of water. Tom Heffel used a live bunker in Fire Island Inlet to take a 19.4 pound striper. Also on Sunday, Chet Green II had a 3.4 pound fluke near the inlet. Fred Walters on the 'Reel Affair' had 5 fluke to 3 pounds and blues from 8 to 10 pounds working outside the inlet. Best fluking inside has been the end of the flood and the first of the ebb. Plenty of cocktail blues in the bay and snappers and blue claws available in good numbers at the local docks.

Some nice fluke being taken near the Fire Island Ocean Reef according to Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**. Liveliners and clam chummers continue to do a fine job on stripers at all of the bridges and in the inlet area. Frank and his crew aboard the 'Cookie Monster' found a small mako on the Linda wreck on Saturday. The 'Fintastic' connected with a 300 pound mako on Saturday. Frank knew of some tuna trolled north of the Virginia on Sunday and relayed word that Bill Biscardi dropped a white marlin aboard his 'High Hook'.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

During this hot and muggy week, the equally hot bluefishing stole the limelight. Hordes of choppers, up to 12 pounds, gave local anglers a real workout and full bags. Flounder made a good comeback locally mostly in the deeper holes around the Big M and CG Station, while the tons of short fluke gave plenty of sport inside. Best keeper fluke areas were off the beaches on extended drifts and over in the Sandy Hook area. The canyon

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Denis Coffey was surprised by this 8 lb. weak which grabbed a mussel bait intended for a flounder in Sea Dog Creek. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

seems to have opened up on the tuna action, mainly yellowfins. Snappers are a good item now almost everywhere, with sizes in the 6 inch category. Inshore and offshore wrecks still have plenty of life on them.

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From **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford we hear of lots of fluke activity with about 90 percent throwbacks at Florence Beach, 4 Corners, Goose and Haunts Creeks, Black Banks and Sloop Channel. Mixed blues inside from Zachs to the Inlet on chunked or whole bunker or plugs. Scattered bccs in the bay. Gary at the store had a mess of keeper fluke working off Riis Park during the week.

We hear from Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh of "okay" fluking in the bay, the inlet being best on incoming, spearing as hook bait. A small percentage of keepers still make efforts worthwhile. The keepers are large, many in the 3 to 4 lb. range, along with 1 to 4 lb. blues mixed in at mid-week. Best fluking has been in 35 to 40 feet of water from Long Beach to Ambrose Channel during the week, with a slight downturn on the weekend. Bluefishing has been good on bait or jigs. Snapper action has been very good in the back of Wantagh Park with sizes greatly improved, early AM hours best. A few flounder at Big M and Black Banks on bloods and red clam, along with small porgies, sea bass and kings.

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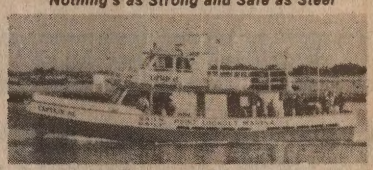

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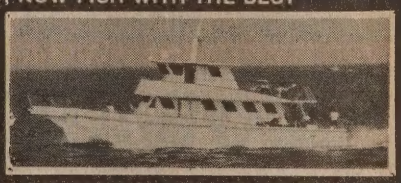

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nolds with enough keepers to make it interesting.

From **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick comes word of bay blues periodically blitzing the Jones Inlet area on anything you put in the water. Large blues mainly 5 to 7 miles off the beach. Lots of fluke action in Haunts Creek with some keepers. Flounder good in the deeper, colder local holes.

Sailing out of **Freeport**, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Star Stream II** has been having super bluefishing day and night on mixed fish 4 to 10 lbs. It's jigs days, bait at night, fishing SSW of Jones. High hook for the week was 80 blues and the skipper says generally you can catch as many fish as you want, as far as your stamina and skill will take you. There have also been several bonito mixed in.

Captain Mike Barnett on the charter boat **Cod Father** had a nice catch of 30 keeper fluke at Sandy Hook Friday for the Nick Ripino group. Fishing in the Nassau Community Hospital's tournament last week, Sue Barnett bagged 1st place in the fluke category with an 8 lb. 5 oz. fluke. The boat also took two other prizes in the fluke division.

On Captain Mike Miller's charter boat **Apus III** the skipper says sharking has been holding up very well. With the exception of a dropped mako on Sunday, fares have boated a mako almost every day this week, a total of 14 for the season so far. They've also had duskies and a blue shark, all of which were brought to the boat and released this week. Tuna trolling has improved this past week and should be very good by the weekend. Yellowfin and white marlin have been seen in the 130 foot area. Further in,

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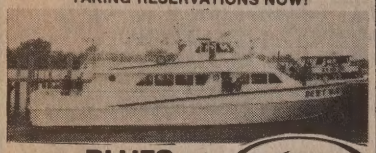

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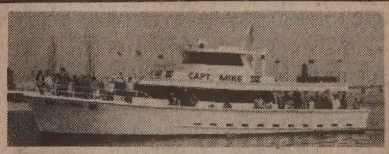

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bluefish have been hot and heavy.

On Wednesday, July 8th while aboard Capt. Mike Miller's **Apus III** out of **Freeport**, NYC Correction Officers Roy Velsor and Mike Iavecchio both hooked makos approximately 45 miles out of Freeport. Roy landed a 60 lb., 5 foot shark, while the one Mike battled, approximately twi twice the size, spat the hook about 10 yards from the boat and escaped the table. Numerous finbacks and bluefin tuna as well as a marlin were sighted during the all day trip.

A call from Capt. Mike Danon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** tells of the $1,000 fluke derby being held on the **CL VI**. The boat has been getting nice catches of fluke to 5 lbs. and a lot of 3 and 4 pounders mixed in, along with murderous bluefish, fishing the ocean to the west. Aboard the **CL V** the half day flounder trips are reported very good. Wednesday's high hook was 17 fish for John DeRosa. On Friday, Mr. Fishman of North Bellmore had a 2½ lb. pool winner. Saturday Geno Levranol and Lauren Granston teamed up with 45 flounder for high hook honors. Pete Deluca bagged a 3 lber. and Diane Bernard of Manhattan was happy with a 2¼ lber., while Joe Sochalski accounted for 12.

Ronnie "Bunzie" Bauer says there has been a fair amount of tuna action at the Canyon. Captain Larry Festa's charter boat **Kristen** bagged 6 yellowfin to 59 lbs. and a 49 lb. white marlin using green machines with birds for Dennis Rizzuto of Connecticut. Capt. Jim Woods on the charter boat **Jenny II** had a 63 lb. white marlin fishing 35 miles SE of Jones around the Virginia Wreck. Bluefish everywhere being trolled, jigged and chummed from the inlet on out. Some small sharks being chummed at the rock piles at the Virginia Wreck. Sea bass, ling and a few straggler cod still at the offshore wrecks while at the inshore wrecks some fair size fluke are being taken, also off Sandy Hook and Riis Park. Lots of short fluke on the inside. Flounder have returned with best action being on bloods at Big M, CG Station, 3rd Wantagh and Black Banks. One bait customer returned with 70 nice flounder. Lots of stripers in the area with some keepers mixed in.

A call from the **Lady J Fleet** reported very good results on the week's bluefishing trips on diamond jigs, action 1 to 2 hours from the inlet. Fish mainly 4 to 8 lbers. with an occasional 10 lber. Fluking charters have been best off the beaches, finding bigger fish there. Trips were sailed this week for: Coleman Day Camp, 1st American Title, Manny Tor Party, Joe Campanelli, Gene Conners group, John Coppa party, Camp Tanglewood, Robert Leo group, James Gilbert Co., Interstate Express and 1st Manhattan Abstract Corp.

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blues, blowfish and fluke. As for flounder, Jim Grubel 8, Chris Rutherford 10, Jerry Cohen 9, Rita 9, Jack 7, Henry and Bob 8 each, John Smith 10, Tony Z had a 2½ lber., Rita a 2 lber., Don Rosetti a 2 plus lber., Keith a 1¾ lber., Chris R a 2 lber., Cory Peterson a 2 lber. Doris and Judy each a 2½ lber., Mac Goldstone, 2 lb. 8 oz. flattie. Saturday's charter for the Elks Club saw a lot of fluke and blues taken, fishing to the west in the ocean, with fluke to 4 lbs. The night bluefishing trips, said the skipper, have been asbolutely super. Fish are running 4 to 15 lbs. Chopper of the week was a 20 lber., weighed in at the local fish market.

We learn from Capt. Sy of the **Bluefin Fleet** of blues and fluke improving this past week. Largest flatfish of the week was a 6½ lb. fluke taken off Riis Park for Matt Carr of the Bronx, age 12. Live killie and a strip of fluke belly did the trick. Blues have been excellent to 12 lbs. day and night, jigs days, bait and chum at night, fish 4 to 12 lbs. with 20 to 40 a man common. High hooks catching 20 to 40 blues this week were: Joan Toscano, E. Meadow, Dennis Katz, Manhasset, Chas. Rapmann, Jamaica, Attillio Caruso, Conn., John Seyler, Hanover Bank and Ted Williams. Norm Zeller bagged a 12 lber. and a whole host of people had 9 lbers. Blues were closer this week than last week said Sy. For those interested in tuna trips, please see ad.

J.R. at **Sea Isle** called the canyon fishing good saying it has apparently really come alive this week. J.R. and

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buddies had 9 bigeye tuna to 150 lbs., 7 YFT in the 30 lb. class and a 53 lb. wahoo. They also had a white marlin in the slick. Flounder excellent at the CG Station and big. A lot of bass swimming around he said, with some 20 to 40 lbers. around Fire Island Inlet, and lots of rats locally.

Two hundred seventy boats fishing the South Nassau Community Hospital's Tournament. Winner of the bluefish division was Mike Devany on the Sea Bee with a 14.6. Winner of the shark division was a 258 lb. blue shark taken on Rock and Roll by Jeff Thaler. In the fluke division an 8 lb. 5 oz. fluke was the winner for Sue Barnett on Cod Father. Winner of the tuna division, both fishing on Robert Shane's Sea Wolf were Ricky Willi with a 111½ lb. bigeye tuna and Jack Darragh with a 99 lb. YFT.

In nearby **Point Lookout** the **Captain Al** has been having dynamite bluefishing on day and night trips. "All the blues you wanted" said the skipper. Sunday was a combination of lifters and gaffers. The weekend was super red hot as was Thursday and Friday, just wall to wall blues. It's too easy to catch them, said Al. If you can't catch blues now, you'd better take up golf. So now is the time, day or night, it's red hot.

On the charter boat **Marie III** Monday's trip for NYFD had excellent bluefishing, fish 4 to 5 lbs. in 70 feet of water. Wednesday's trip for Harry Hackhound and party had good fluking in the back and in Debs with a 20 percent keeper ratio. Friday's trip for Mike Misko saw dynamite blue action on 4 to 12 lbers. with over 500 fish taken working between the NB and BA. Nine year old Nick Misko boated 9 fish, while dad Mike had the 12½ lb. pool winner. Saturday's trip for Maspeth anglers saw good fluking in the ocean from Tin Can to Ambrose.

On the two trip a day **Nighthawk** the skipper called the fluke action very good all week, with an increased keeper ratio working shoals and creeks, early AM tides best. Linda Harbison and son Scott had 11 keepers, John Lutzel and son, 8 keepers, Louis George 10 keepers, Bob Mitchell 7 keepers, Ann Androlowicc, 8 keepers to 4 lbs. 7 oz., Al Policastro, 8 keepers, Tom Stanton, 7 keepers to 4½ lbs. Sunday's charter for Joe Canoso saw excellent 4 to 8 lb. bluefish catches around the NB buoy, the charter arm-weary by 1PM.

Bill at **Ed's Fishing Station** says that six 20 lb. blues were hoisted on the boat, My Pleasure for buddies Bob Mario, Scotty and Joe. They also had a 177 lb. hammerhead shark at the Yankee Wreck. Neil Rose of Baldwin nailed an 8¼ lb. fluke on sand eel-strip bait combo on a Nappi rig fishing the Loop bridge. Neil is with Atlantis Anglers. Lots of inside fluke action with about a 10 percent keeper ratio. Night bass and blues at Fundy and Swift on live bunker. Blues trolled and jigged between the J1 and J2 buoys.

From the **Miss Point Lookout** we learn of improved fluking in the inlet area. A very good catch was had Wednesday with blues mixed in. Regular Jimmy had 3 keepers to 4 lbs. Customers totaled 45 keepers on the AM trip. There were 35 more keepers on the PM trip, along with 4 to 6 lb. blues and a 5 lb. fluke. Saturday Bob

Fisherman subscriber Carl Lacchia traveled to Ketchican, Alaska back in June. He returned with this big king salmon.

McDermott nailed a 4 lb. pool fluke, followed by Don Farrel's 3½ lb. fluke. Night blues have been absolutely fabulous with over 1,000 blues caught Friday night and the same on Saturday night. These were 5 to 10 lbers. fishing about 1 hour 40 minutes to the SW. "Couldn't be better," said Capt. Ron. High hooks have been in the 60 and 70s. Celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary on Monday, Wayne and Jackie Baker celebrated by catching a 3½ lb. fluke.

At **Scotty's Fishing Station** we learned of the 32 lb. mako caught Wednesday on a whole mackerel by Fenwick Trotman. Scott Schafer also rang the bell with a 3½ lb. fluke.

Now sailing out of **Point Lookout** Captain Bob Schulz's charter boat **Time Out** has been zapping a lot of bass at the local bridges with about a 10 percent keeper ratio, eels have accounted for most of the keepers, while clam bellies bring the midgets. Lots of tuna seen while out sharking, said Bob and the shark catches have been good on mako and blue shark.

Over at **Beckmann's in Lynbrook** we hear of 10 to 15 pound blues that blitzed Jones Inlet Wednesday afternoon and smashed diamonds and umbrellas for those in the area. Saturday AM Dennis Caracciolo of Queens bagged a 5½ lb. weak on a white bucktail at Breezy Pt. Jetty. Mixed fluke off Riis Park with more smaller fish now noted. Biggest fluke are on the Sandy Hook side of Ambrose. Reynolds is loaded with fluke but with plenty of babies. Lots of 4 to 6 inch snappers in Bay Park and the creeks of East Rockaway.

NEW YORK BIGHT

In **East Rockaway, Skippy's Bait and Tackle** tells of good fluking at the Tin Can and off Riis, with things taking a slight dip on the weekend. Weekdays were definitely best. Lots of blues all over the place. Bass at the bridges seem to be slowing said Skip. Duck Point has seen an increase in the size and numbers of fluke, while Bay Park has plenty of snappers. BCCs slow so far, but a few weakfish off the Lido jetties on strawberry jelly worms and lots of sharks and YFT reported from 100 feet of water on out.

In **Howard Beach,** Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** tells of lots of small snappers being taken on Kastmasters and small spearing. Lots of fluke on killies and squid with some keepers thrown in. Lots of blues 5 to 6 lbs. on chunks and whole bunker. Lots of smaller porgies on worms. Mike Deery nailed a 7¾ lb. fluke at the Marine Parkway Bridge on a spearing fluke belly combo.

Out of **Sheepshead Bay**, a call from the skipper of the **Pastime II** told of excellent fluking at the Can and Ambrose Channel on spearing and sand eel combos. Jumbos of the week were a 7 lb. fluke for Leroy Howard, 7 plus lber. for Mike Gradis and a 5½ lb. fluke for Warren Parissi. Many 3

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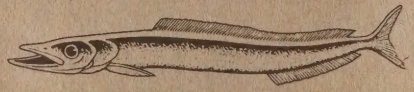

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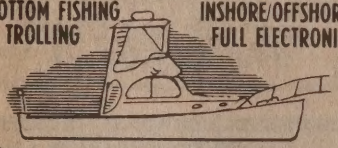
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to 4 lbers. were caught each day along with other keepers.

We hear from the **America Fleet** of some very good fluking on both boats working the channels taking mostly 2 to 4½ lbers. Keeper ratios range from poor to very good depending on the day and the areas fished. On all trips, customers walked away with good numbers of keepers.

"The bluefishing has been absolutely great," said the skipper of the **Flamingo III**, with fish running 3 to 12 lbs. with an early toot on the going home whistle each trip. Super catches, he said, anywhere from our jetty to Asbury park on diamond jigs. Nights have been equally super and there is a great spread of fish around. A few bonito and weakfish are also starting to show.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Hot summer weather and a good showing of summer species were integral parts of the picture last weekend. Porgies highlighted the bottom fishing picture scene and striped bass were just about everywhere.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait on City Island was still seeing flounder, but scup were the targets of choice. John DeCuffa advised fishing around Hart's Island, Sands, Prospect and Barker's Points for porgies and suggested the zone between the Throg's and Whitestone Bridges for bluefish in the 8 to 12 lb. class. There were lots of bass to 8 lbs. in the area, too.

Doris Cerbone said that the **Apache** from City Island enjoyed very good scup action on Saturday; however, Sunday was a slow day, perhaps due to increased boat traffic.

Jackie Giangrande commented on the fine fluke trips for the **Reliable** out of Flushing Bay. Carl has been working areas anywhere from the Triborough down to Sandy Hook with some fine by-catches as well.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** felt that the bluefishing west of Greenwich was "decent—with good morning fishing" and picks on most afternoons. Fishing was in deeper water for 3 to 10 lb. choppers on the Sound.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** said that the bluefish action was fast and furious, although not as crazy as in past weeks. There were a few smallers around the harbors with choppers off Eaton's Neck, Lloyd's and the golf course. A lot of bass, including a few keepers, were taken inside buoy 13. Scup were everywhere, but the mediums were best taken by drifting. Fluke to 4 lbs. were now in deeper water off Eaton's Neck aNd Sand City with the best bite on the last couple of hours of the tide.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport weighed a pair of large blues taken by George and Jamie Papalexandrou on Sunday morning. The fish went 10 and 16 lbs. Also, Jerry and Mary Jeanne McAward had a fine catch on Friday that included a 3½ lb. summer flounder and a 14 lb. blue in the old channel off Crescent Club Beach. There were blues roving the harbors inside the 5 mile markers and scup off Target Rock. "Best fishing in a couple of years," says Bowman.

Stan Henschel at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** mentioned a 13 lb. bluefish taken by John Paduano, but felt that the best numbers were the cocktails off Shoreham. Shorts outnumbered keeper fluke in the area by 10 to 1 while scup were spread through the shoal areas.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in Mount Sinai saw some good action on cocktail bluefish around Shoreham buoy 9 and off buoy 11 with many hand-sized scup close to shore. Triggerfish and some large mackerel were part of last week's by-catch.

Roy Cash had a very good week of bottom fishing with some nice flounder and scup to a pound on the **Port Jeff Ace.** Unfortunately, Sunday's fishing "turned sour." Shallow water drops less than 40 feet were the rule and high hooks until Sunday ran as

high as 40. The boat took a couple of hundred bluefish on Saturday night off the Nissequogue. These were small fish around 1½ lbs. Fred Mildner jigged the same body of blues with the **Hawkeye** out of Mount Sinai for Donna and Stefan Hartmann, Roger Sklow and Neal Sinkowitz. The foursome finished with over a hundred taylors.

John Pelligrino called to say that the **Noli Eilene** had a banner charter for Jim and Jack Hare off Cold Spring with bunker baits. The pair had slammers to 14 lbs. on 15 pound gear. The **Morning Star's** Tony Taverna called in a report of a scup fishing excursion for the Anisias. The total catch was about 12 dozen fish that included four tautog and a couple of sea bass to 2 lbs. This was fast action in shallow water.

John Alberda put three parties into bass in the 15 to 18 lb. class for the **Sound Charters TJ**. Doug Maze's party had around 60 bass and blues; Roger Wolmsley's charter had a pair of linesiders to 18 and so did Lou Lobiano's party. Fred Toscano's charter and Bill Womack's party stayed with over 5 dozen bluefish to 15 lbs.

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Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** in Aquebogue liked the bluefish action that seems to be making up on the Sound east of Mattituck. Most of the fish were in the 7 to 12 lb. range and 4 ounce diamonds were the norm off Horton's. Bob Ceglowski on the **Captain Bob** out of Mattituck Inlet had a super jigging trip at Horton's. He also caught well after dark with bait and drails, with Kevin Beary of Middle Island hauling a 12½ lb. chopper board. Don Pagel of King's park jigged a 37 inch striped bass, too.

Dave Darrow's **Tiderunner** has been fishing everywhere from the Sound to Montauk to offshore near the Butterfish Hole. Darrow reported that Charlie Schiff had a 26 lb. bass plus a 9 lb. fluke, a weakfish and some blues as well. John and Susan Tucker had a pair of keeper bass plus blues off Fishers Island, while Chris Cyprus and Todd Tuthill managed a 22 lb. linesider and 11 tiderunners to 13 lbs. on Sunday!

At the **Mattituck Fishing Station**, Maureen Caraftis said that the porgy fishing was up and down with some of the skiffs catching well. Fluke in the area were predominantly shorts. The **Captain Bob** had some great days on scup on the wrecks in the Sound with one particular area producing over 350 mediums a day for the open boat trips. The Lady Reelers rang up a huge score on scup on a Sunday charter, too.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in New Suffolk figured that the average number of scup for his skiffs now runs around 20 with a number of catches in the 30s. Great skiff catches of 40 blues, cocktail-sized fish, have been made on small jigs in the South Race. With all the bait in the area, the fluke seem to be settled in the Peconics for the summer as well. The Pecks had five fish from the buoy 26 zone that included a pair of 6 lbers.

Dave Brennan called to say that all days last week except Friday were good days on the **Peconic Start** porgy trips. There's much chatter about the new **Peconic Star II**, due in sometime next week. On both the Peconic Star and the **Brand X**, catches of 30 to 40 scup, mediums, are not unusual. Larry Porter also had a few scup over 2 lbs. during the past week along with perhaps 20 sea bass a day. There were a few beauties in the 2 lb. class, too. On Sunday the **Brand X** also had a half dozen big flounder as well.

John Rainis said that the **Sea Star** out of Sterling Harbor, Greenport saw some nice fluke last week off Gardiner's Island. Numbers dropped a bit, but sizes were very good. A few 6 lbers., many fives and a pair of 7½s were duly registered in the logs.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Persistent casters who continue to make the trek to Montauk were well rewarded this past week with a fine run of weakfish. Some excellent scores of tiderunners in the 8 to 12 pound class were made on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at Shagwong.

There continues to be no shortage of bass at the inlets with stripers again taken at Jones, Fire Island and Shinnecock. Boatmen have been doing well at Moriches but a lack of access to both sides has kept surfmen from this area. Anyone out there with a tin boat would have the place to themselves. Anyone needing some incentive should know that one pair of local sharpies livelining the last half of the outgoing early one morning this past week accounted for a dozen bass from 30 to 45 pounds.

Bluefish put in a substantial appearance along south shore beaches during the early part of last week with some of the fish up into the double digits. The nicest part about it is that the fish were very susceptible to popping plugs and tins.

Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** was the first to relay word of the fine run of weakfish at Shagwong on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. He added that casters who worked the same stretch of beach on Friday and Saturday nights drew blanks for their efforts. He knew that Bombers, Hellcats and Needlefish accounted for many of the weaks which ranged from 8 to 12 pounds. He also knew of a 44 pound striper and a 28 pound striper culled from among the weakfish. Bluefish have been in and out at the Point. Monday saw a blitz at Hither Hills which lasted from daybreak until 2PM. Saturday morning saw a flurry of blues at Ditch Plains while Sunday AM saw the choppers show up at False Bar. Most of these blues were in the 3 to 5 pound class.

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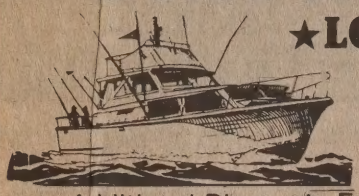

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Over at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello had several of his surf crowd cash in on the Montauk weakfish run. On Wednesday night, Lou Fuglesi and his partner put away 14 tiderunners. On Thursday night, Ed 'The Red' Greenberg and Dave Ebner beached 11 weaks from 8 to 11 pounds. Minnow shaped swimmers, Needlefish plugs and droppers all accounted for action. Paul added that blues from 1 to 3 with some to 10 pounds showed on the beach at Smith Point early in the week. Best action was concentrated 1 mile east of the Ranger Station at the end of the beach access area. The blues were taken on tins and plugs.

At **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Jim Romano reported on a catch of 12 blues in the 8 to 10 pound class made by Jack Coffey. The fish were taken at Democrat Point on Tuesday. Jack told Jim that all of the fish fell for popping plugs.

At **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Tom Healy knew of blues in the 3 to 5 pound class taken at Robert Moses Parking Fields 4 and 5 during the first part of the week. Small cocktail blues continue to be an on and off affair for casters working the Sore Thumb with small tins. Lane Ellis checked in a catch of 6 weakfish which he made between Saturday night and Sunday morning on the back side of Democrat. Rumors of a 17 pound weakfish taken in this area over the past week as well. School bass continue to be picked along the back side of Robert Moses on night tides.

At **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**, Jimmy Schaefer knew of blues and school bass taken on white Gibbs poppers at Democrat Point during the week. Jimmy reminded that the shop has live eels in stock.

Striper Surf Club member Mitch Sarro is at it again. Club PR man Mike Kaland relayed word that the indominatable Sarro continues to work over Jones Inlet area with some excellent results. On Tuesday night, Mitch connected with bass of 12, 15, 17, 19 and 26 pounds. He also had blues to 15 pounds. New member Sebi Paci joined Mitch and managed a 12 pound striper. On Sunday night Bill Rothwell drilled a 17 pound bass from the Point Lookout side of Jones Inlet. Mike also relayed word that there were some big blues taken on the Cedar Bar early Monday morning (7/19). New members are welcome in this hard-fishing club. If you are interested, contact Mike at 516-867-1318 during the evening hours.

A note from contributing writer Vince Badame revealed blues along the Bronx shore near the Whitestone and Throgs Neck Bridges. According to Vince, white or yellow Polaris poppers accounted for many blues in the 2 to 10-plus pound range during the early morning hours.

Marie Kennedy had the shock of her life one morning last week fishing off of Mill Dam Bridge near Centerport. Marie was snapper fishing when a 16½ pound bluefish decided to

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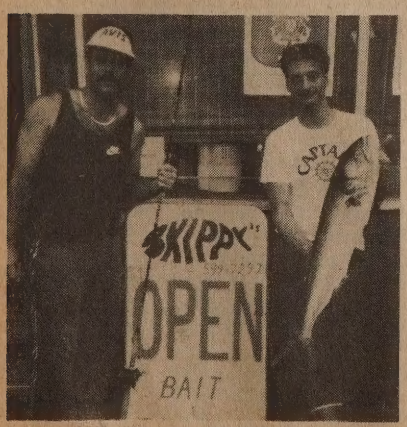

John Axisa caught this 12.12 lb. blue while fluking in Deb's Inlet back on 7-2-87. It was weighed at Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway.

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make a meal out of the snapper. Somehow, she landed the big blue without the aid of a leader. The fish was weighed by Eileen Fleischman at **Greenlawn Sport Shop**.

From Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** came word of 2-4 pound blues taking popping plugs along Shoreham beaches. Saturday evening was particularly productive along this stretch. School bass along local beaches and on all the points after dark. Five inch swimming plugs and dropper combos taking these fish. Also schoolies being taken at West Meadow Beach. John Pinger has been enjoying a steady pick of bass along the beaches of Baiting Hollow. Stan knew that some locals fished Shinnecock West during the week and returned with blues to 10 pounds.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

With freshwater fishing in mid-summer form, bass, trout and panfish are all acting a little sluggish. Carp and, surprisingly, pickerel are still quite active. Anglers looking to score with bass and panfish should find their best action in deep water or long, thick, sun-obscuring shoreline brush and weed beds. Floating docks and elevated decks are good bets also. For the trout enthusiast, the parks would be tough to beat.

From **Beckmann's Tackle, Lynbrook**, Bill spoke of some decent fishing in Hempstead Lake. Fishing the big lake, Harem Grahm used a Big Bad Shad plug to nail 6 bass to 3 pounds on Thursday morning. Over on the Tanglewood Preserve, Joe Addo used bread to take a 6½ pound carp on 6 lb test line.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti told us anglers are reporting decent fishing for mixed sized bass on the North Twin Lake after dark. Five-eighth ounce black Jitterbugs and Weed Walkers are producing the most fish with the best action occuring near midnight.

Jim Schaffer of **Charlies Bait and Tackle, Lindenhurst**, reports John Carmon gave Lake Ronkonkoma a good working over last week. According to Jim, John took a mess of white perch and tiny smallmouth bass while dunking nightcrawlers. Later, he tried a dead killie bait and was rewarded with a 3.75 pound largemouth bass. Fishing in Southards Pond on Wednesday, Tom Kubicke used a cornmeal bait and 6 lb test line to dupe a 12.2 pound carp and one a little smaller.

From Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsmans Center East, Centereach**,

we learned of Paul Kostoak's 4.13 pound bass taken in Lake Ronkonkoma on a rubber frog. Fred himself just returned from a Catskill vacation and reported the trout fishing to be very good on the Willowemac and Beaver Kill rivers and the West Branch of the Delaware. Some of the fish Fred was lucky enough to entice weighed over 2 pounds. Of the Susquehanna River smallmouth action, Fred told us the smallie fishing was spotty but the fish were all good sized.

At **Pine Grove Outfitters** on **Lake Ronkonkoma**, Fred Kruse noted that the fast bass fishing that has occured over the last few weeks is pretty much done for the moment. Its just a little too hot for the fish to be near the surface water for any length of time. Anglers working in the mornings and evenings are scoring with an occasional legal sized fish. Action with panfish and perch to 9 inches still pretty steady and one angler even reported a pickerel this week.

According to Phil Briggs at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, anglers are taking a fair number of bass in the Babylon lakes and one lucky fisherman who did not leave his name, checked in a 3.6 pound largemouth taken from Blydenburgh Lake last Sunday. Action at Bubbles Falls and inside the park is as consistant as usual. Some of the patterns that are working inside the park this week include Muskrat Nymphs, Muddler minnows, Micky Finns and Adams.

A call to **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue** put us in touch with John who spoke of decent fishing for bass for shoreline anglers dunking live killies in lower Yaphank Lake. Otherwise, freshwater news was on the slow side this week and most of the shop regulars have been working the briney for blues, fluke and snappers.

Out east at the **Fisehrmans Deli, Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin reports that the Peconic River has been slow in regard to bass and pickerel. One angler checked in a 2½ pound largemouth, but otherwise fishing has been mostly unproductive. Mrs. Devlin feels its just been a little too hot for the shallow waters behind the shop to produce many fish.

While fishing on the Peconic River may be a little slow, the action on Wildwood Lake was just fine last Saturday for George Rose and his 13 year old companion for the day, Dave Damon. I spoke with both anglers Saturday evening and learned that the pair scored with several large pickerel including a 3½ pounder taken by Dave on fish strip bait.

Upstate trout action has improved a little over the last several days according to Ken Josephson at Crazy Chief Ski and Sport at Hunter Mountain. The last week has seen several early evening showers raise the water level of the Scurykill River, also raising the responsiveness of the local trout. Worms have been a good bait to try but flies, especially terestials, have also taken some fish.

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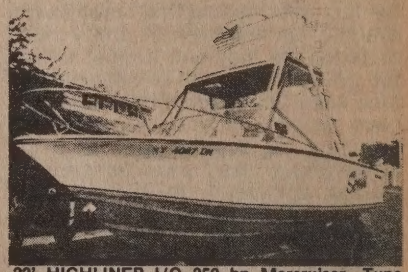

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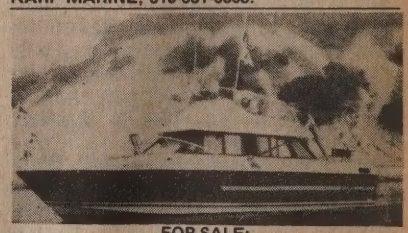

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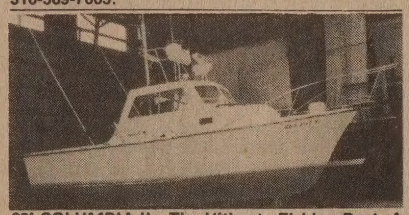

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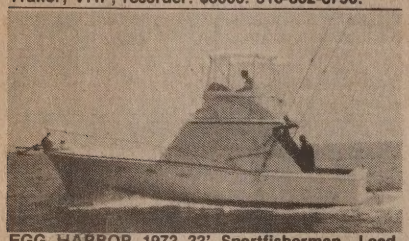

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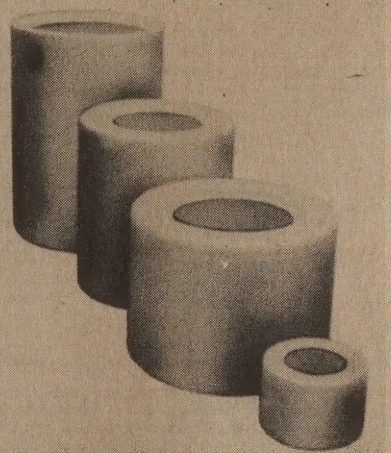

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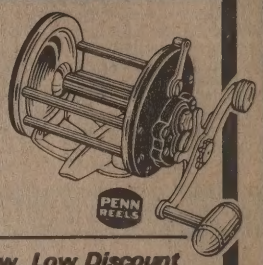

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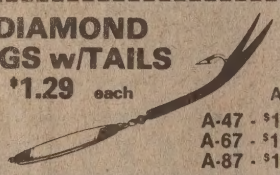

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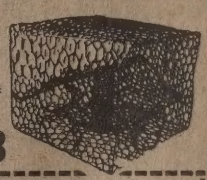

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